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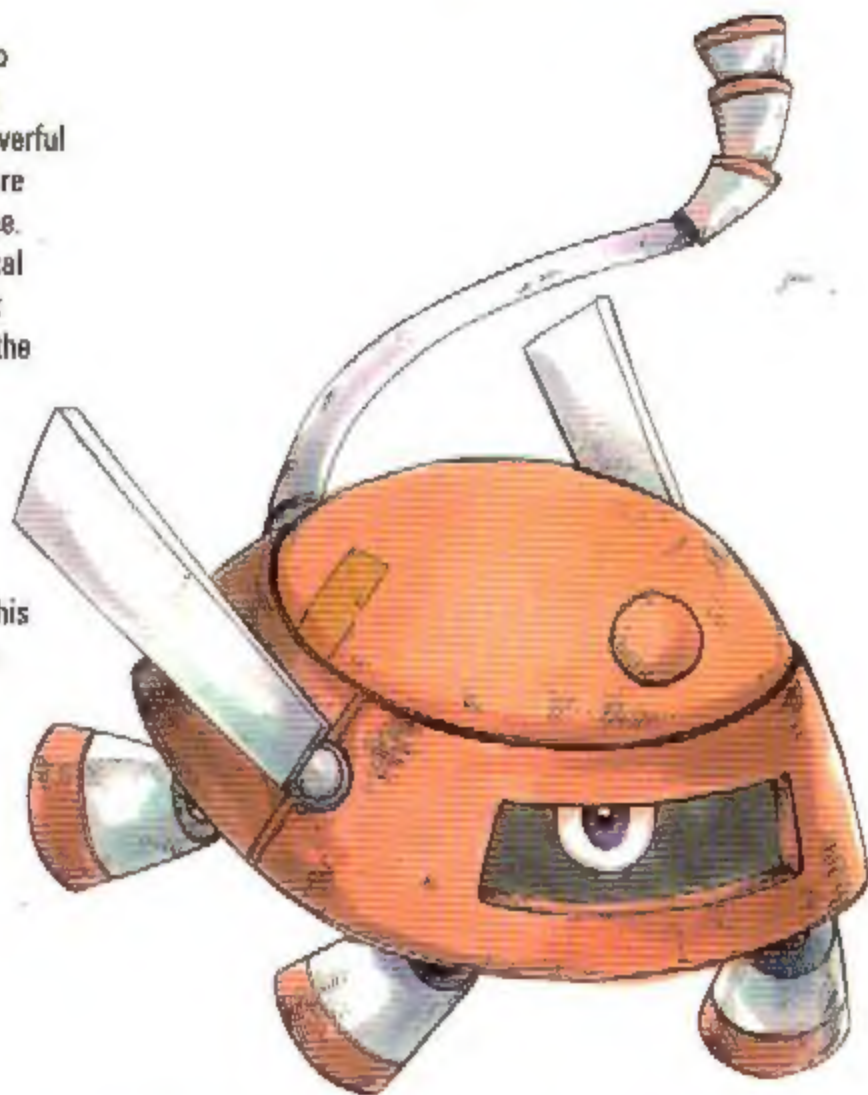
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All over the world, kids are getting into Dragon Drive, a virtual reality game in which they fight atop the backs of powerful dragons. But, as some of the players are learning, Dragon Drive isn't just a game. Crossing between Earth and the magical world of Rikyu, kids and dragons must join forces in a battle that will decide the fate of both worlds!

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Neko has been kidnapped! When Bug the guide reveals his true colors, Takumi finds himself racing to rescue his friend...and facing his own much more powerful doppelganger! Meanwhile, the portal is opening between Earth and Rikyu, and the world's Raikoo masters have one chance to escape. But to gain the power to stop Ri-IN once and for all, will Takumi have to sacrifice everything?



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While I was taking a walk, I noticed a place at my local park where you can let dogs off the leash to play freely. I'm not allowed to keep pets at my apartment, so when I need to relax I think I'll go to the park and spend a few hours watching the dogs.

I love cats...but dogs are great too!!

Ken-ichi Sakura's manga debut was *Fabre Tanteiki*, which was published in a special edition of *Monthly Shonen Jump* in 2000. Serialization of *Dragon Drive* began in the March 2001 issue of *Monthly Shonen Jump* and the hugely successful series has inspired video games and an animated TV show. Sakura's latest title, *Kotokuri*, began running in the March 2006 issue of *Monthly Shonen Jump*. *Dragon Drive* and *Kotokuri* have both become tremendously popular in Japan because of Sakura's unique sense of humor and dynamic portrayal of feisty teen characters.

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CHARACTERS



Takumi Yukino

A LAID-BACK KID WHO FINDS HIMSELF FIGHTING AGAINST RI-IN AFTER HE MEETS RAIKOO. HE HAS THE ABILITY TO TALK TO DRAGONS. HIS SISTER, MAIKO, WAS INVOLVED IN THE FIRST RIKYU CONFLICT.



Raikoo

TAKUMI'S DRAGON. HE'S LOST HIS MEMORIES OF HIS LIFE BEFORE HE MET TAKUMI.

Bug

A GUIDE TO THE WORLD OF RAIKOO'S CONSCIOUSNESS. IS HE TRYING TO TRICK TAKUMI?



Arisa

A RI-IN ASSASSIN TRACKING TAKUMI.



Neko Chihoda

A GIRL WHO WAS LEFT BEHIND ON EARTH.

A GAME CALLED DRAGON DRIVE IS WILDLY POPULAR WITH KIDS ALL OVER THE WORLD. ONE DAY, TAKUMI YUKINO RECEIVES A DECK OF D.D. CARDS FROM AGENT A AND JOINS A TOURNAMENT. EVEN THOUGH HE'S NEVER PLAYED BEFORE, HE MANAGES TO MAKE IT TO THE NATIONAL FINALS WITH THE HELP OF HIS DRAGON, RAIKOO. TAKUMI TURNS OUT TO BE A TRANSLATOR, A PERSON WITH THE RARE ABILITY TO TALK TO DRAGONS.

BEFORE THE FINALS, TAKUMI HAS A STRANGE DREAM. HE'S TOLD THAT TO AWAKEN THE TRUE RAIKOO FROM AMONG THE 99 RAIKOO CARDS, ALL THE RAIKOOS MUST FIGHT EACH OTHER. A WEEK LATER, AN ORGANIZATION CALLED RI-IN HACKS INTO THE D.D. COMPUTER SYSTEM. THE D-ZONE DRAGONS TRADE PLACES WITH THE PEOPLE OF EARTH. ONLY THE PEOPLE WHO WERE INSIDE A D.D. CENTER AT THE TIME ARE LEFT BEHIND.

TAKUMI AND HIS FRIENDS SET OUT ON A QUEST TO RESTORE THE EARTH AND ITS PEOPLE. IN A BATTLE WITH THE POWERFUL ASSASSIN ARISA, RAIKOO IS DELETED. TO SAVE RAIKOO, TAKUMI AND NEKO ENTER THE WORLD OF RAIKOO'S CONSCIOUSNESS...

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DRAGON DRIVE

...NEKO
AND I HAVE
ENTERED
THE WORLD
OF HIS
MIND.

AWW,
NUTS!

RAIKOO
HAS USED
UP ALL HIS
POWER AND
LIES ON THE
EDGE OF
DEATH, SO
TO SAVE
HIM...

IF I
DON'T
REST, I'LL
DIE!

MY
FEET
HURT! I'M
TIRED!

FORGET
ABOUT
ME,
OKAY?

**FU
LMP**

OKAY,
GO
AHEAD!
LEAVE
ME!!

HEY,
HEY...

NO WAY,
NEKO!
IF YOU
DON'T QUIT
MOANING
I'LL LEAVE
YOU
BEHIND!

W
H
A
A
T
?
YOU BIG
MEANIE!!

16th turn Neko

OKAY,
JUST A
SHORT
REST...

I KNEW
YOU'D
SAY THAT,
YUKKII!
♡

16th turn Neko

AND NOW
YOU'RE
FAST
ASLEEP.

YOUR
WORDS,
NOT
MINE.

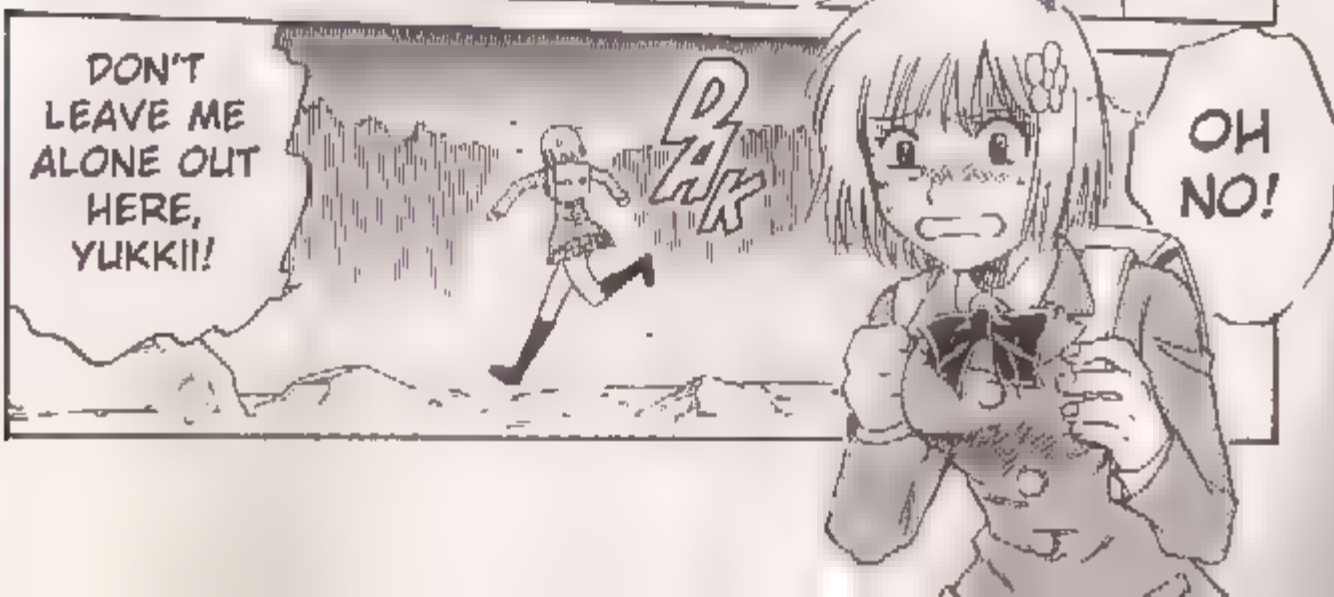
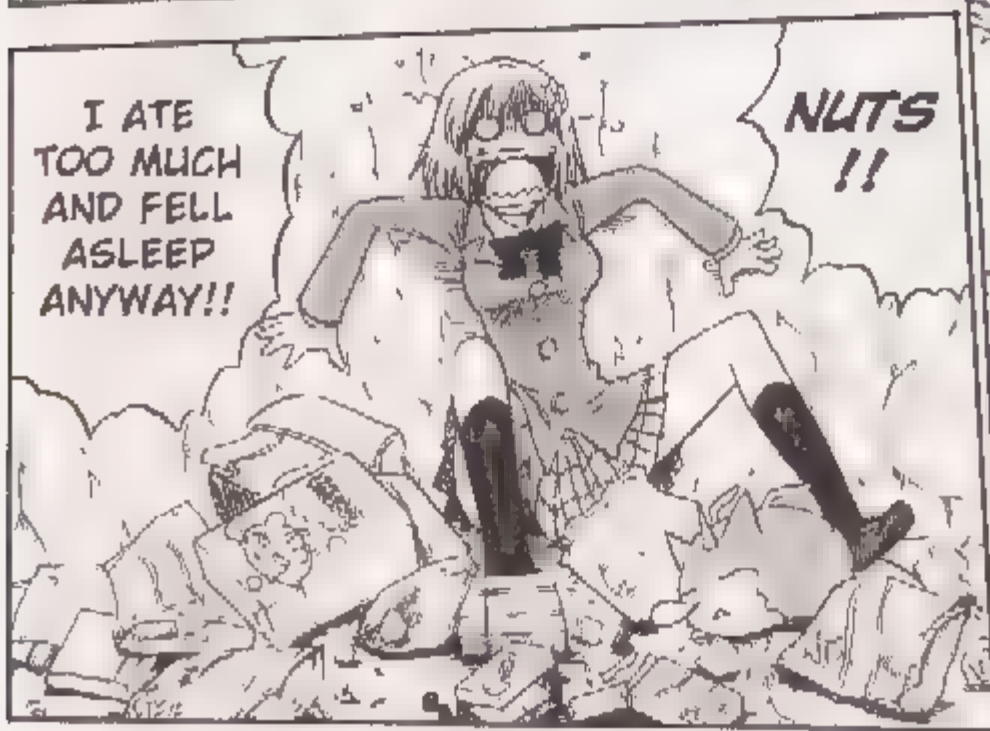
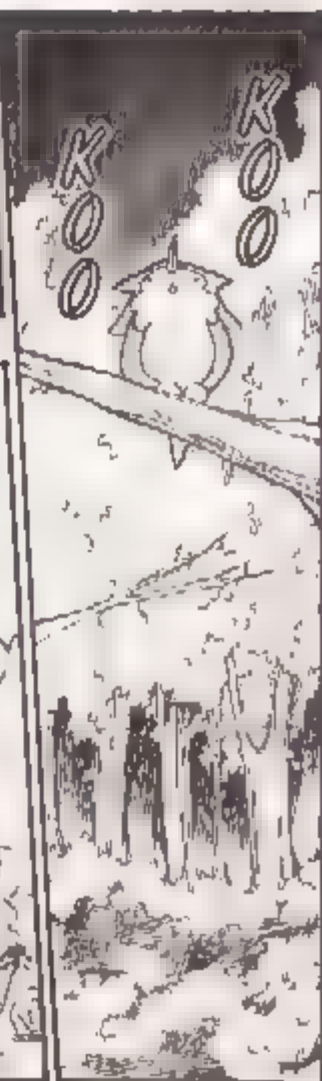
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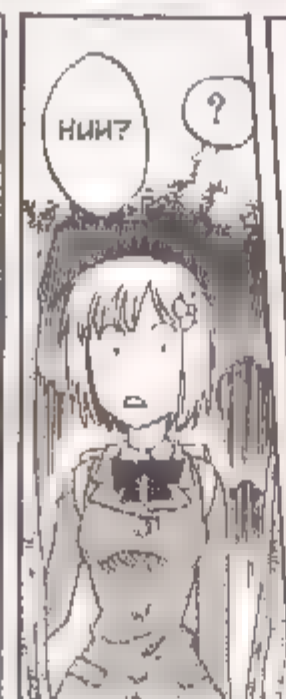
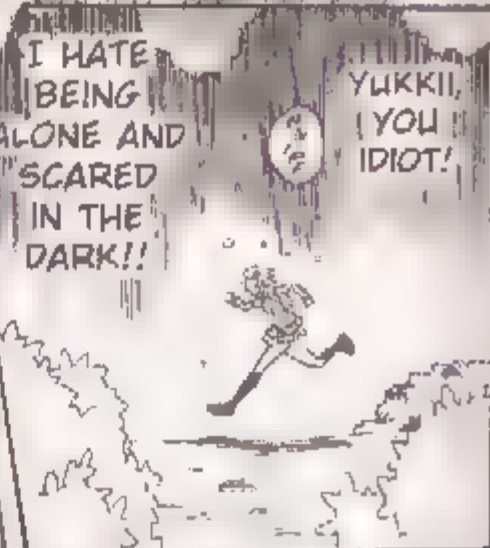
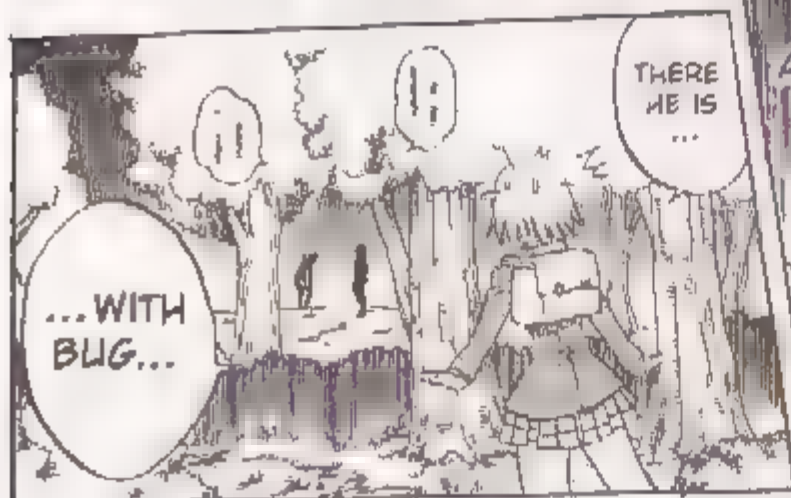
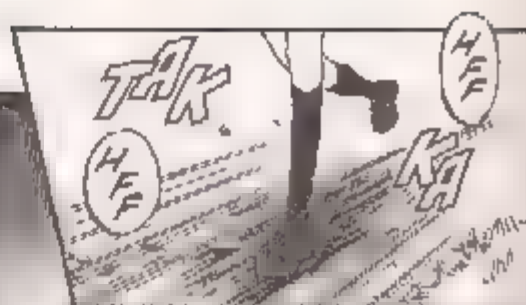
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PRETTY
SIMPLE,
REALLY.

HE REALLY
DOESN'T
THINK
ABOUT
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BUT
RAIKOO...

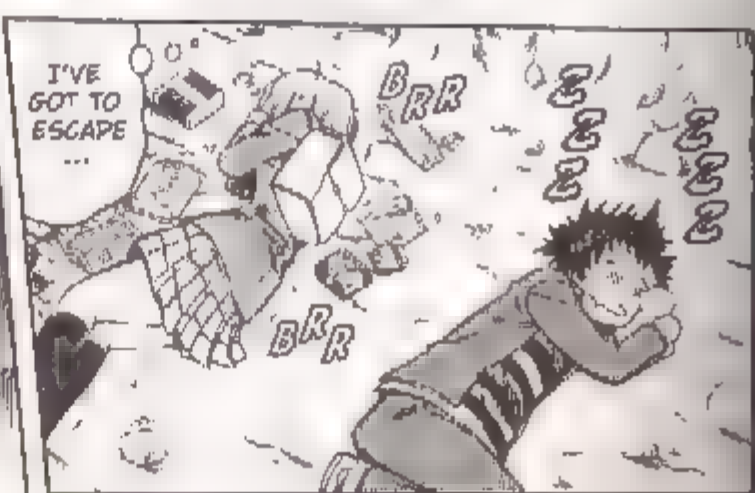
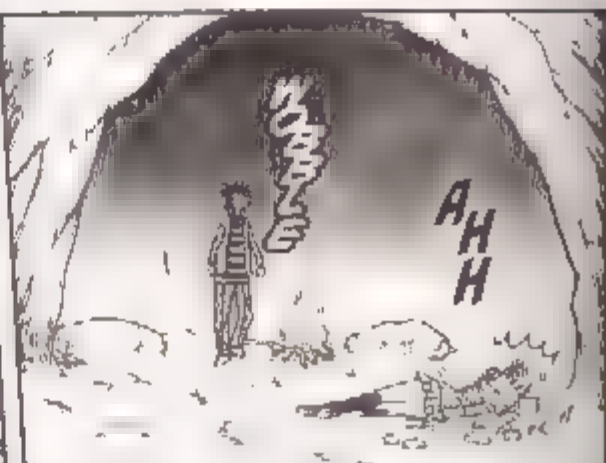
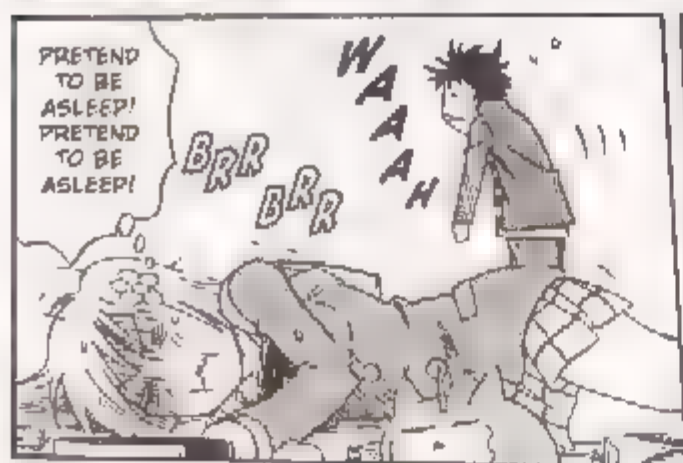
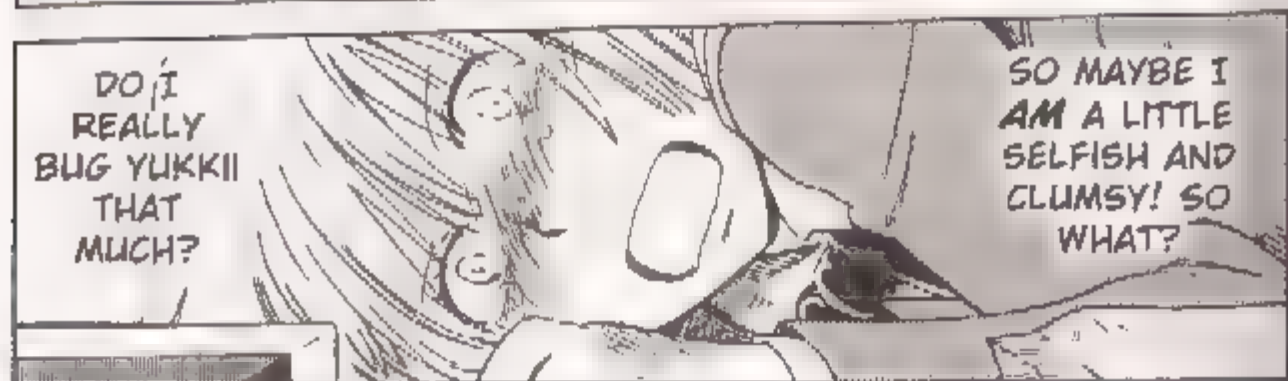
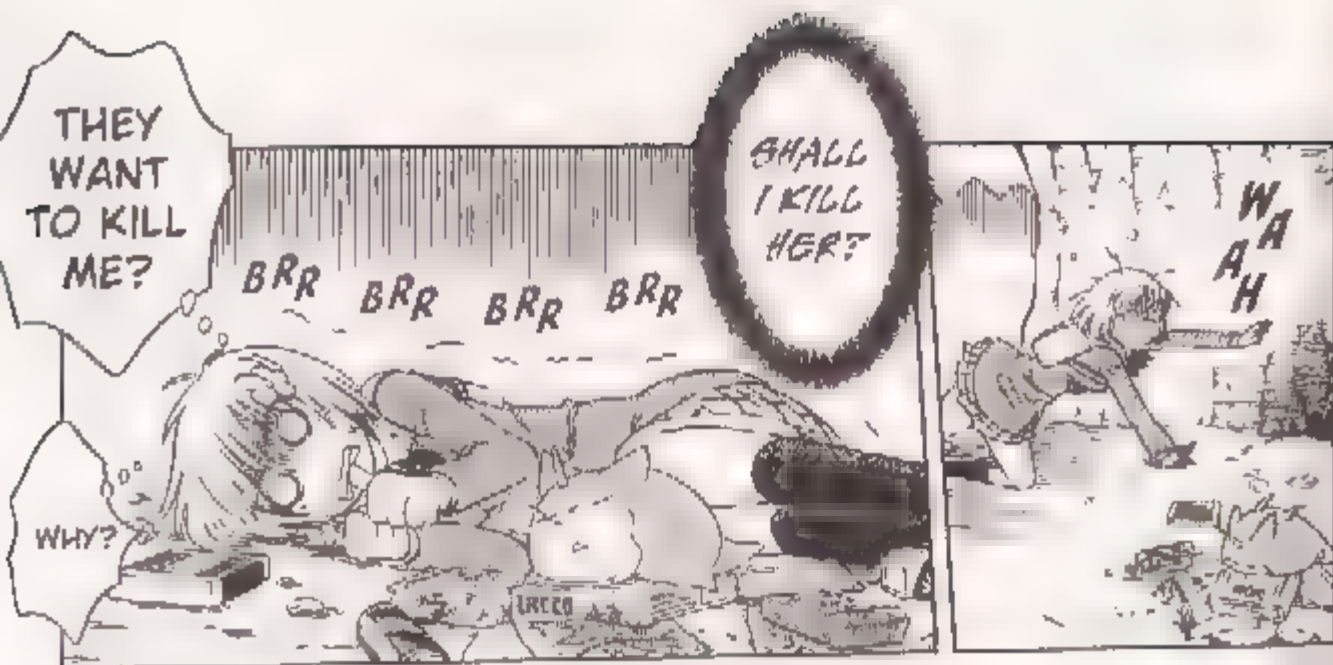
RAI-
KOO...











NEKO!

I MISSED
MY
CHANCE
TO
ESCAPE!!

OH NO!
I FELL
ASLEEP
AGAIN!

SH

OOP

S
N
O
R
T

WAKE
UP! IT'S
MORNING!

ER...
NOTHING!!
JUST A
DREAM!

EEP!

WHO A

ESCAPE?

HEY,
NEKO!
WE'RE
MOVING
ON!

WHAT
NOW?

WHAT
DO I
DO?



WE'VE
GOTTA
CLIMB UP
THAT?

THE
NEXT
GATE IS
ON TOP
OF THIS
CLIFF.



LET'S
MOVE
ON
OUT!!

OKAY!
LET'S DO
IT FOR
RAIKOO!

IF HE
THINKS
I'M
GONNA
SLOW
HIM
DOWN...



CHING

GASP



YUKKII,
WHY
DON'T
YOU GO
FIRST?



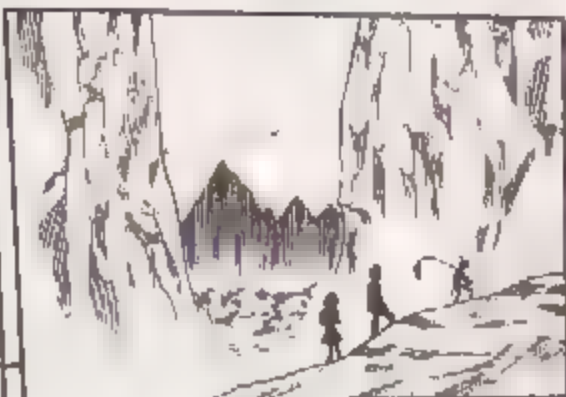
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NOLA
SETS
IN

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HA HA
I'LL THROW
YOU OFF
THIS
CLIFF!

GASP



IS THIS
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THE
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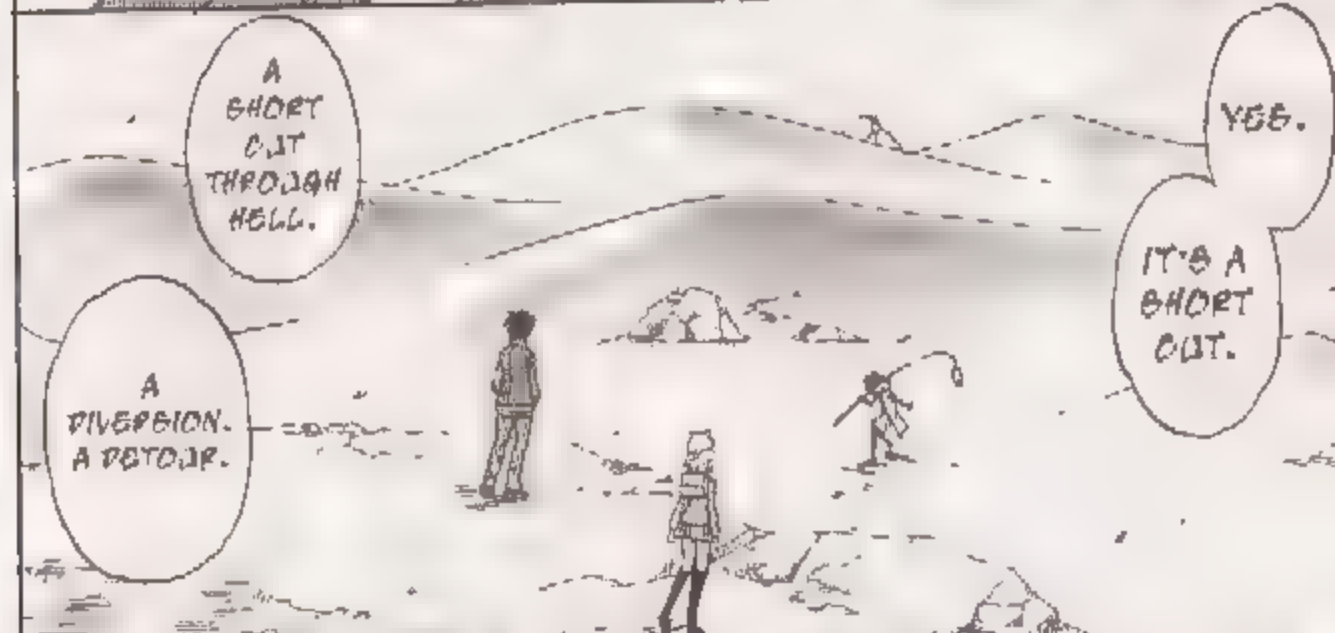


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SHORT
CUT
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HELL.

A
DIVERSION.
A DETOUR.

IT'S A
SHORT
CUT.

YES.

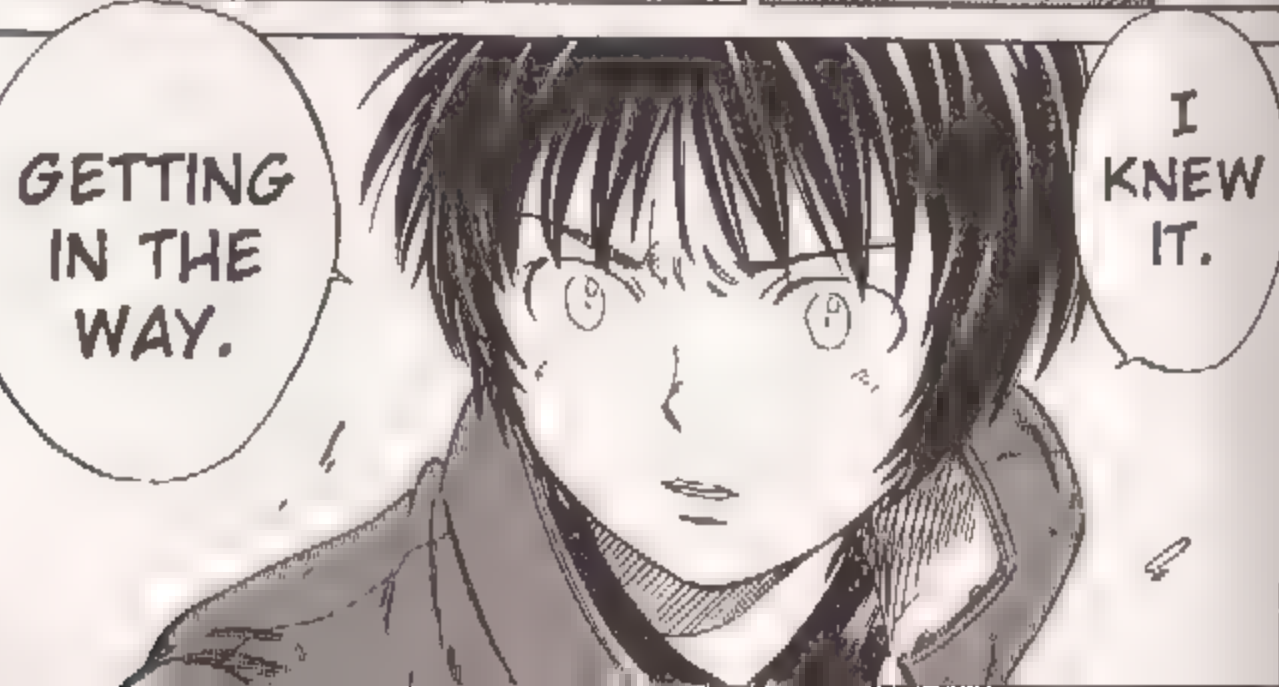
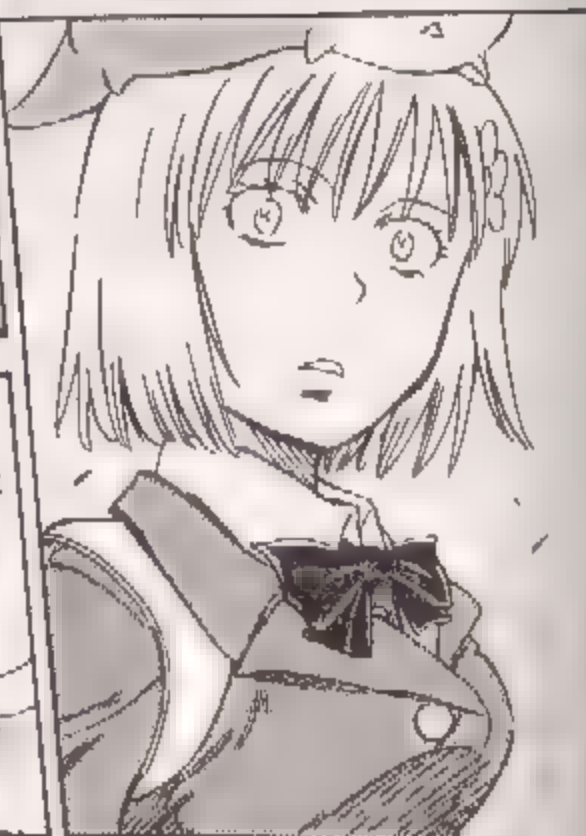
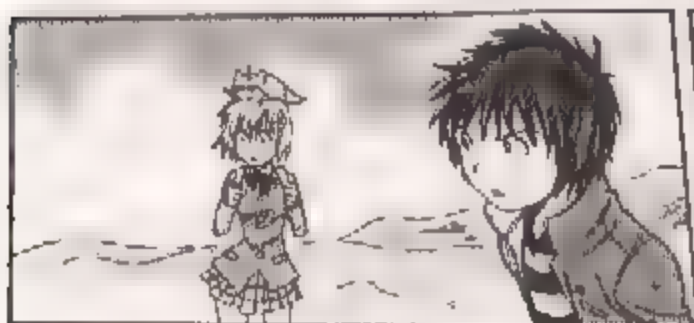


RIGHT
NOW, WE
HAVE TO
TRUST
BUG.

IF
RAIKOO'S
REALLY
THIS WAY,
I'VE GOT
TO GO
ON.

DOESN'T
THIS
SEEM
FISHY TO
YOU?







SLIP

?!

EEEK!
HE'S
AFTER
ME!

NEKO!

TAF
TAF
TAF

WHAT'S
GOING
ON?

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M

WH...

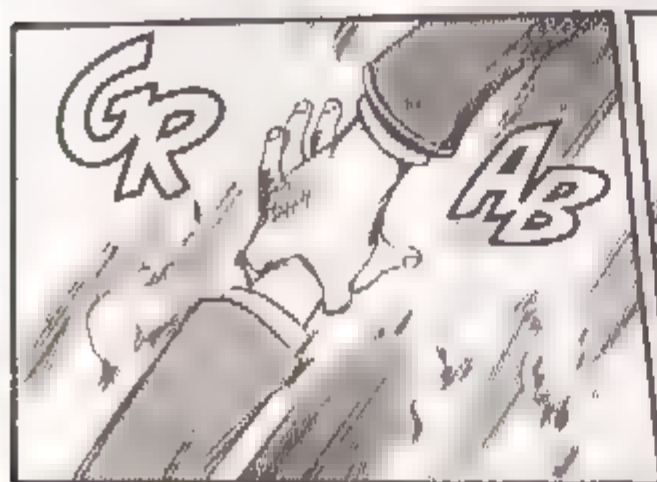
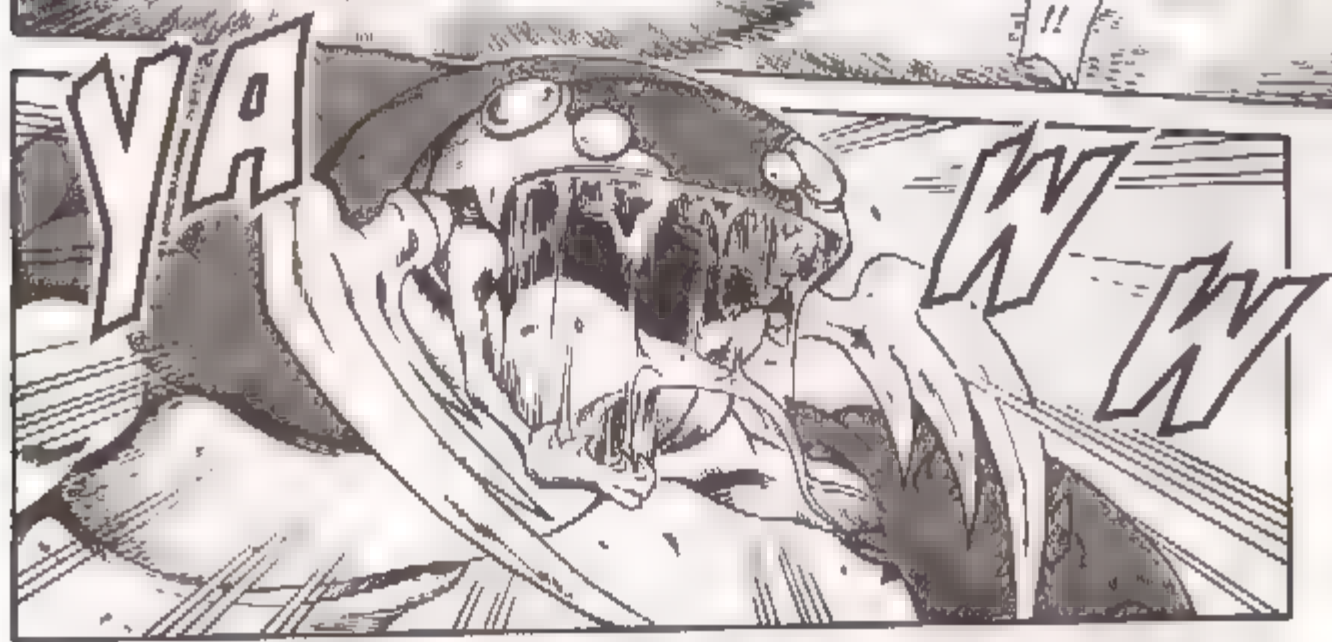
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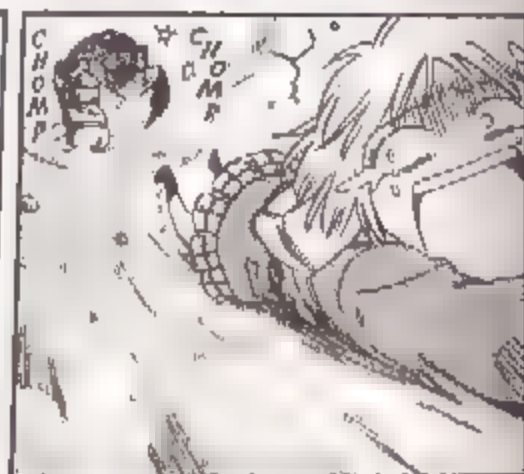
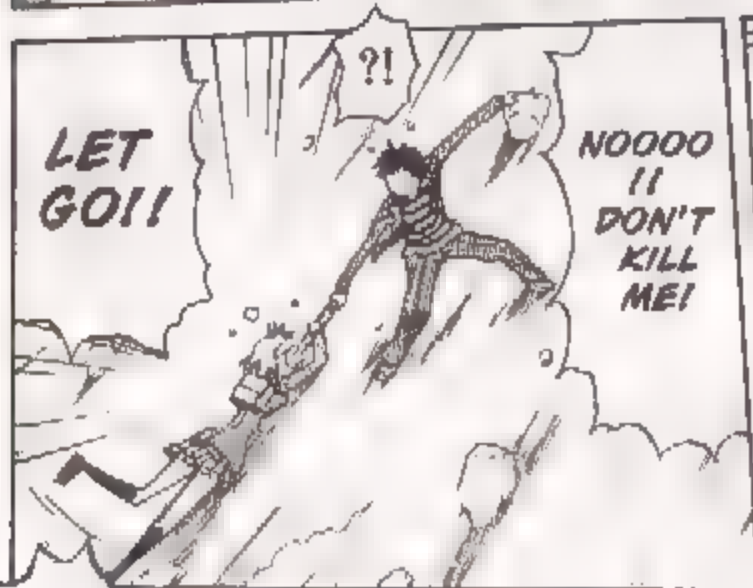
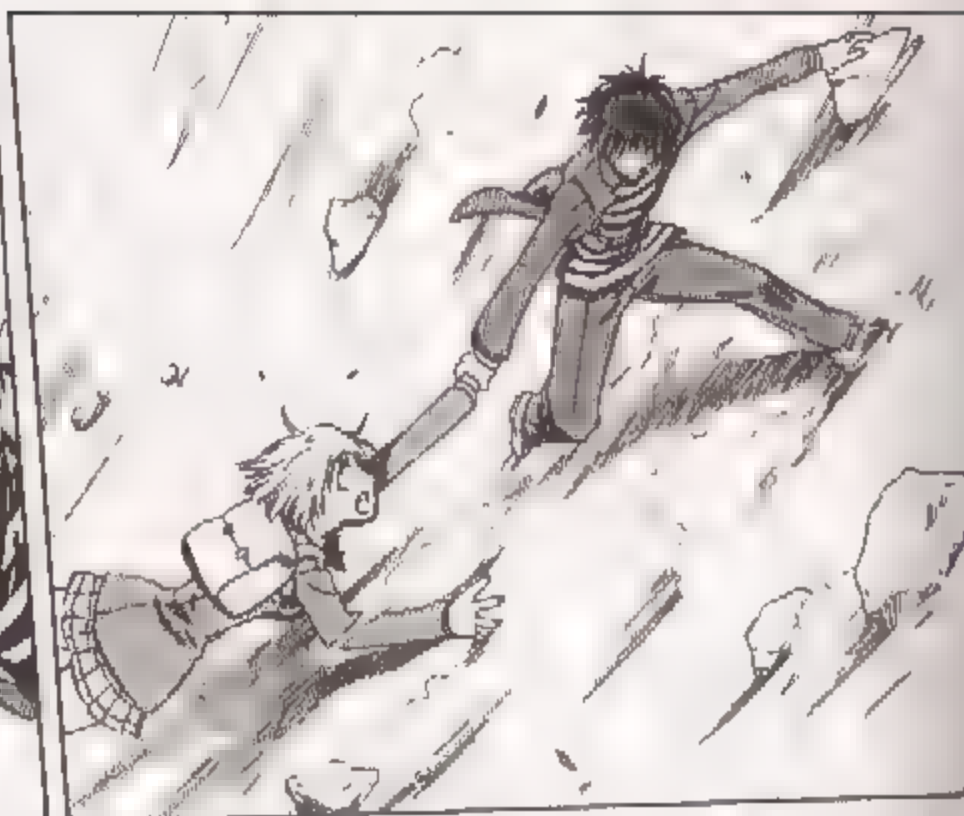
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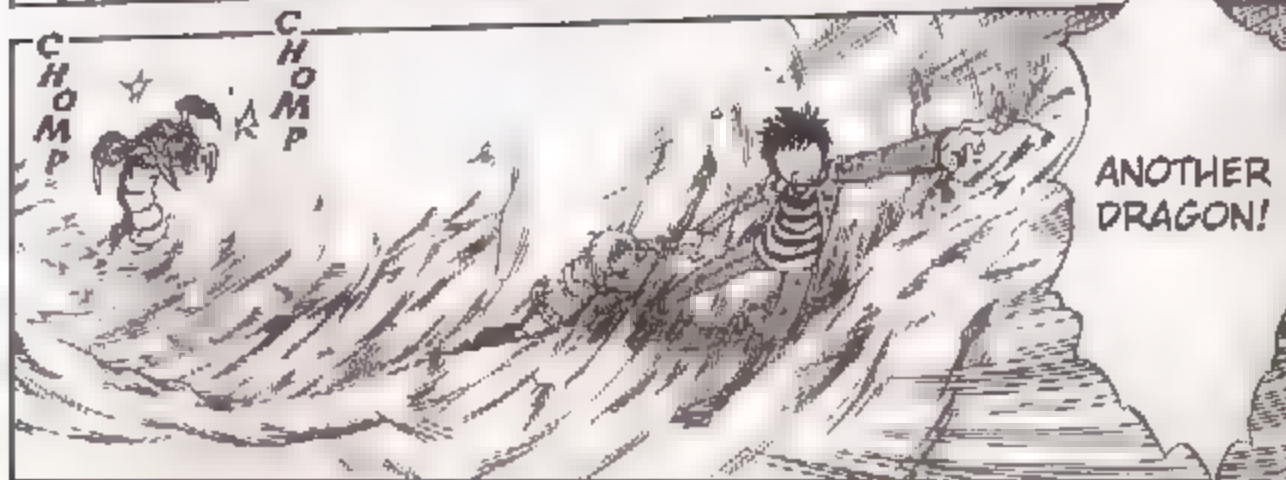
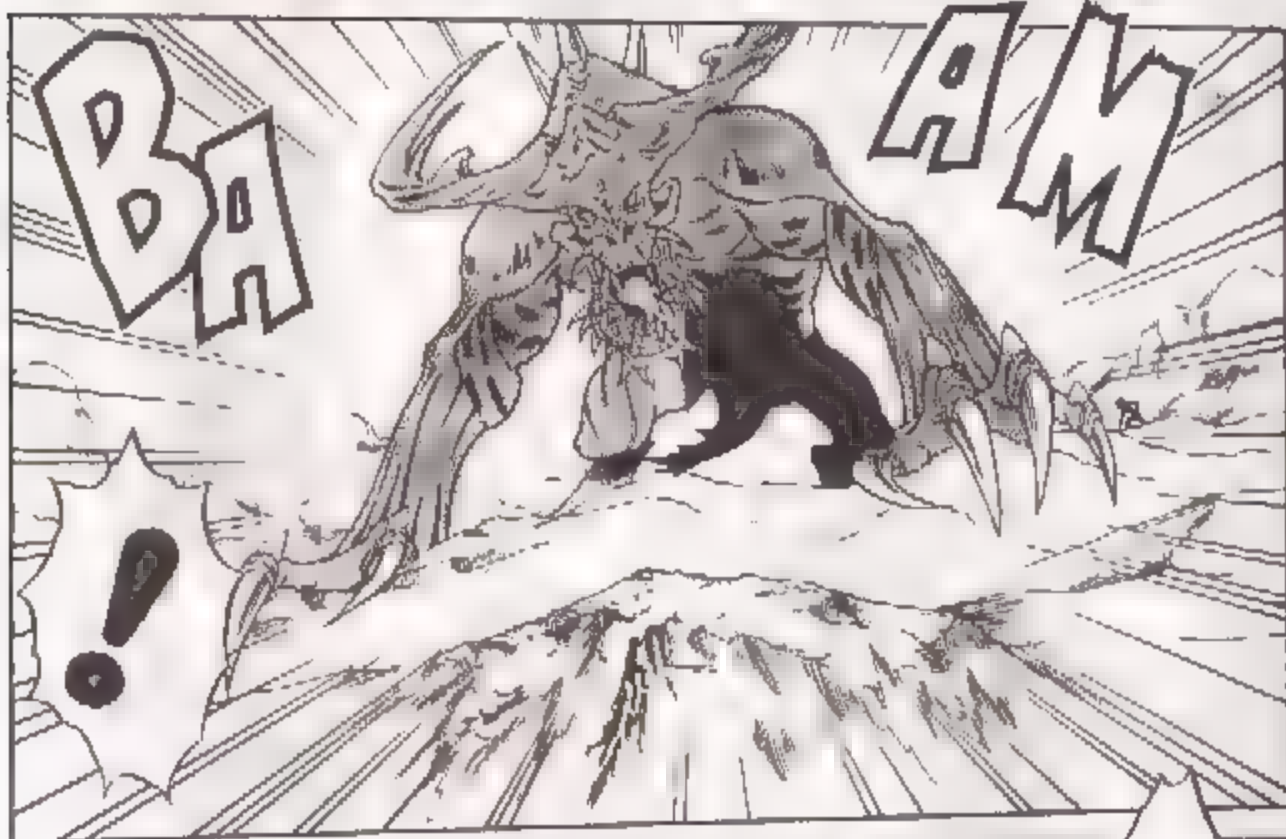
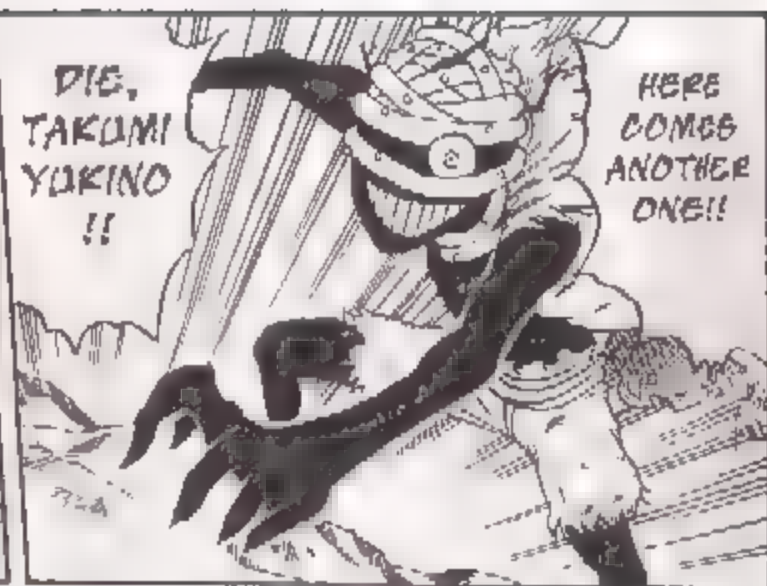
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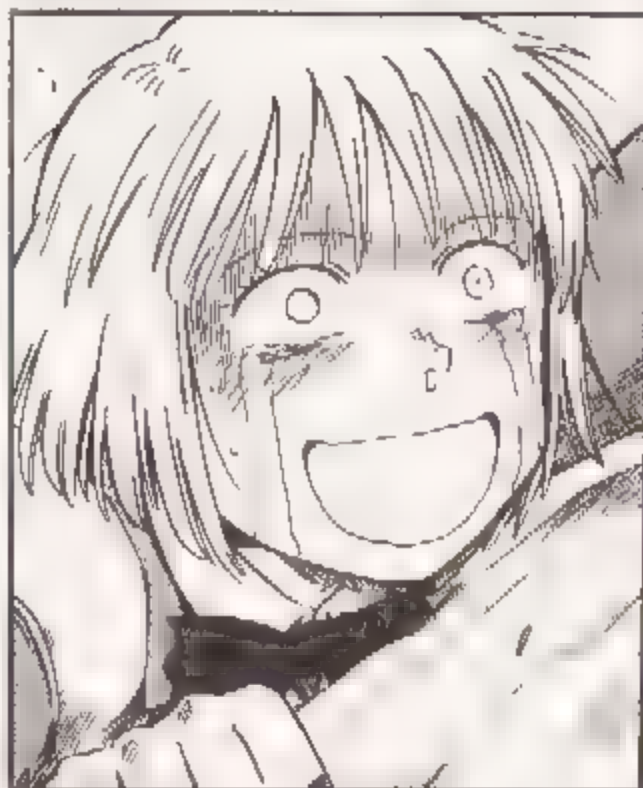
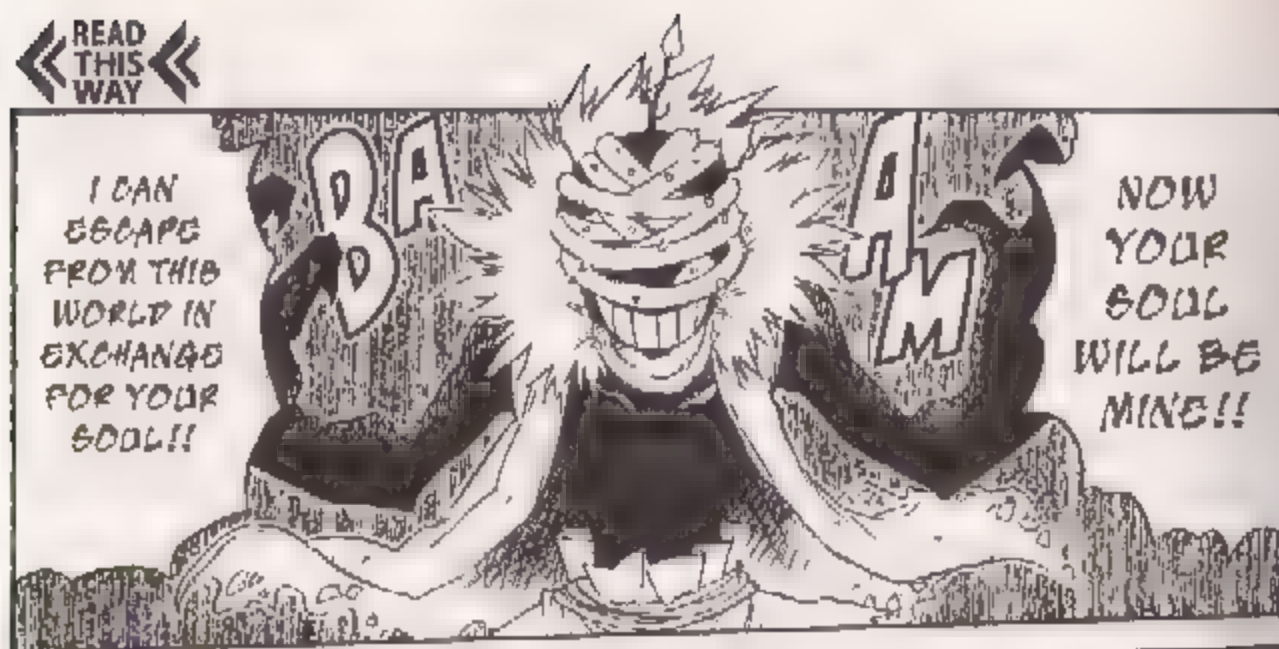
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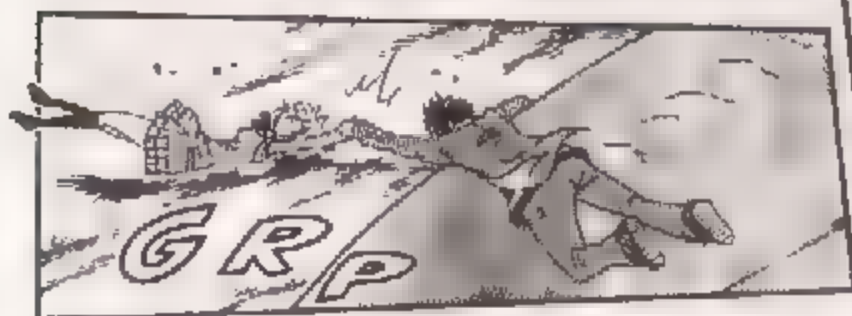
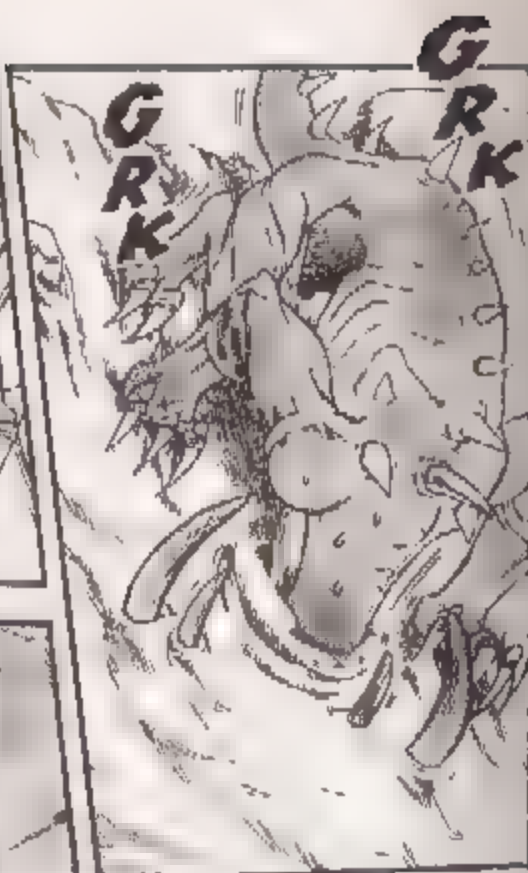
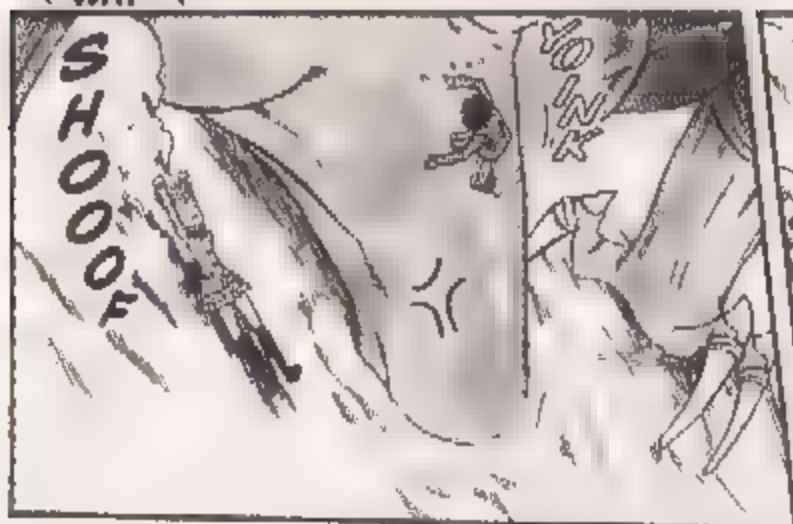
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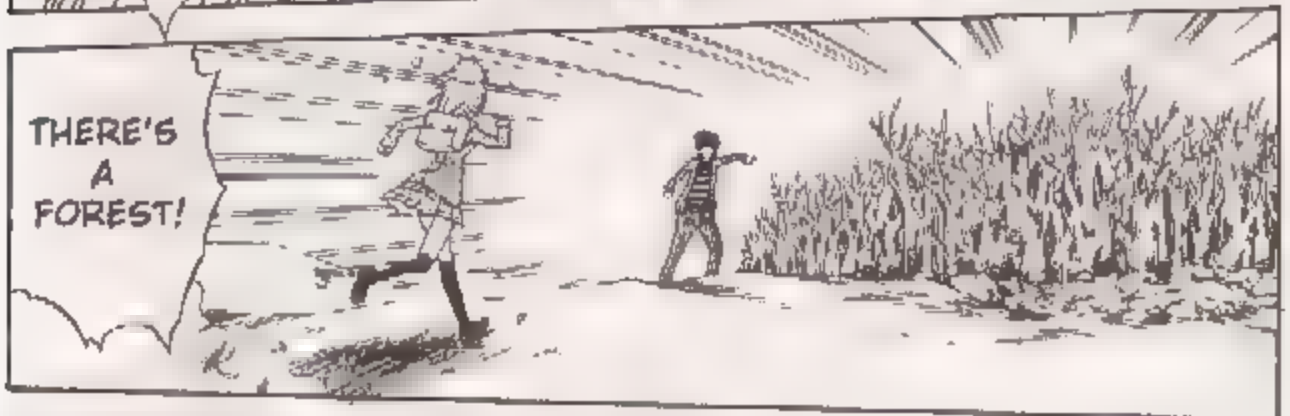
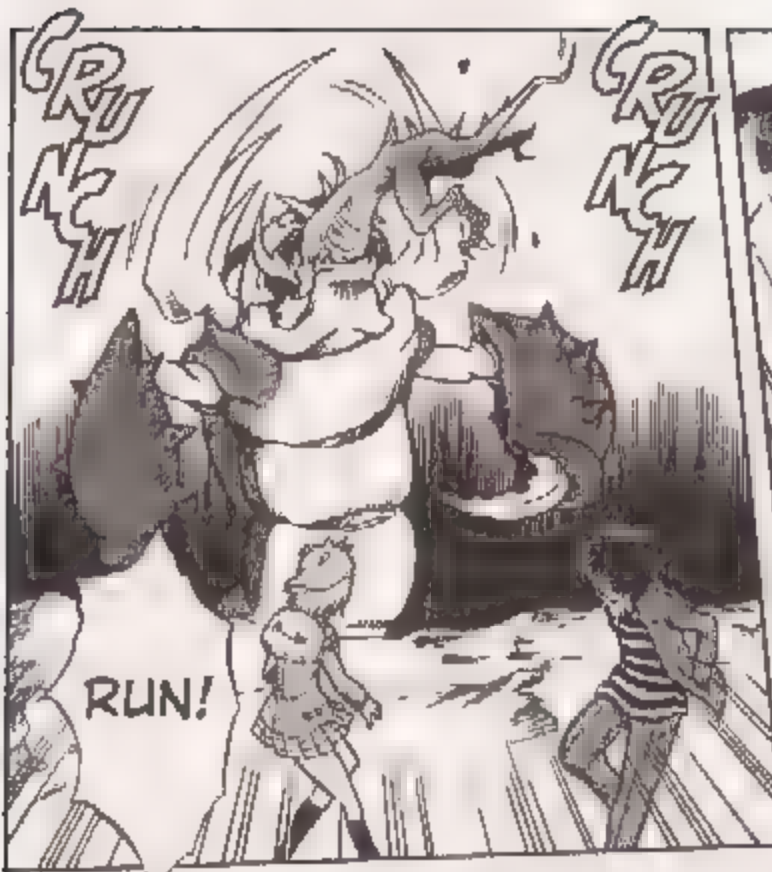
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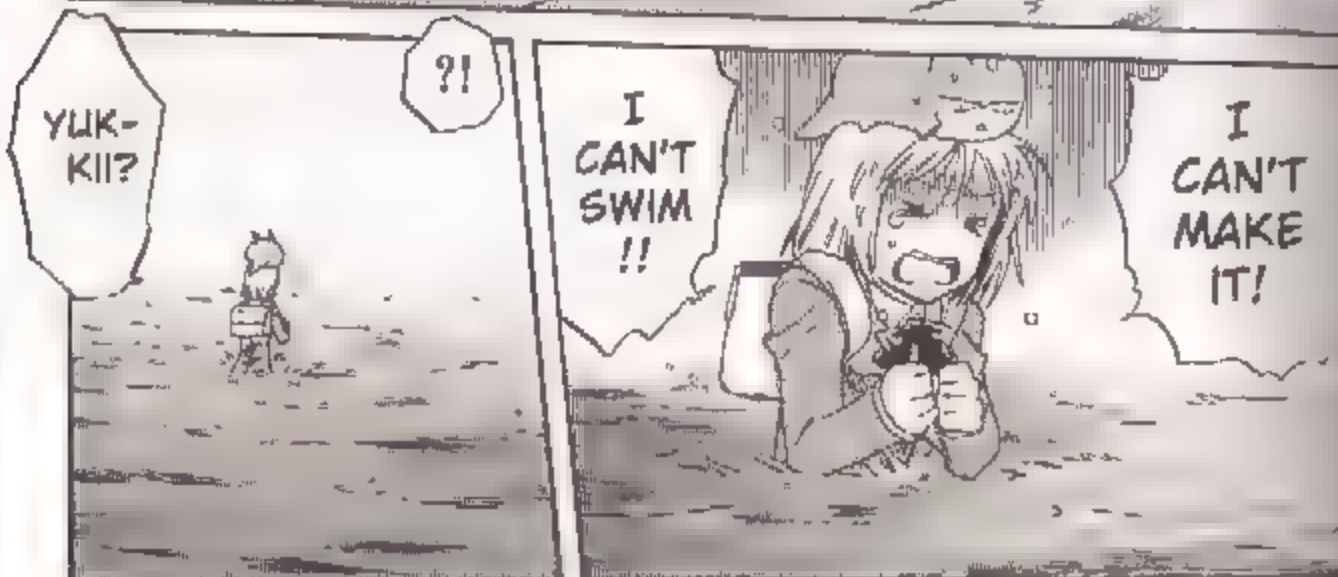
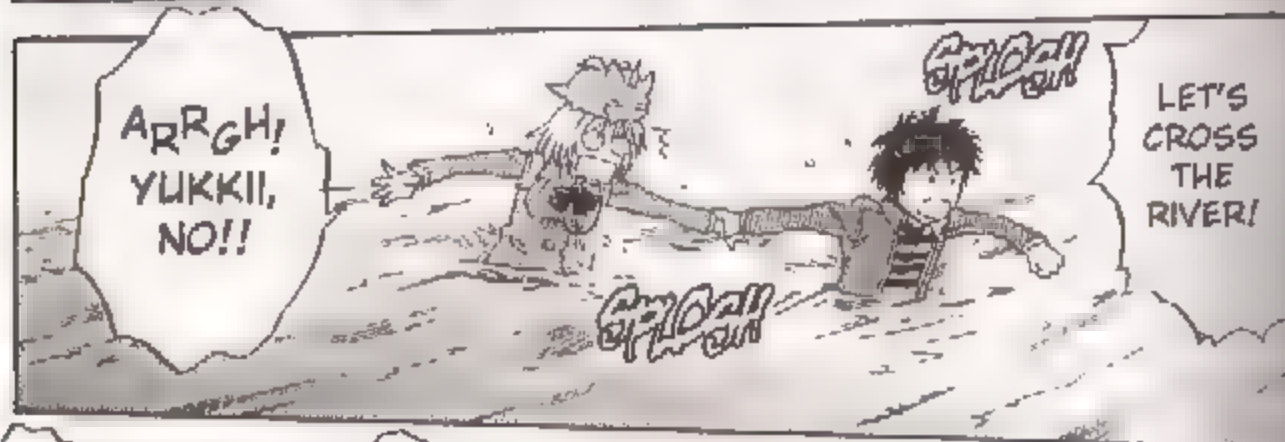
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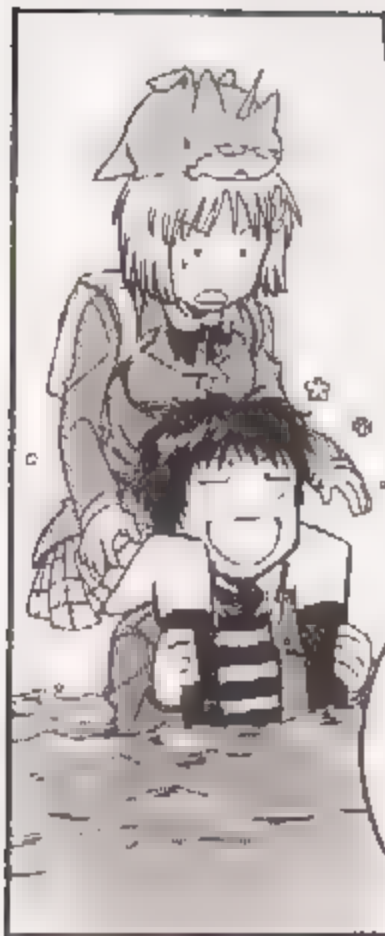
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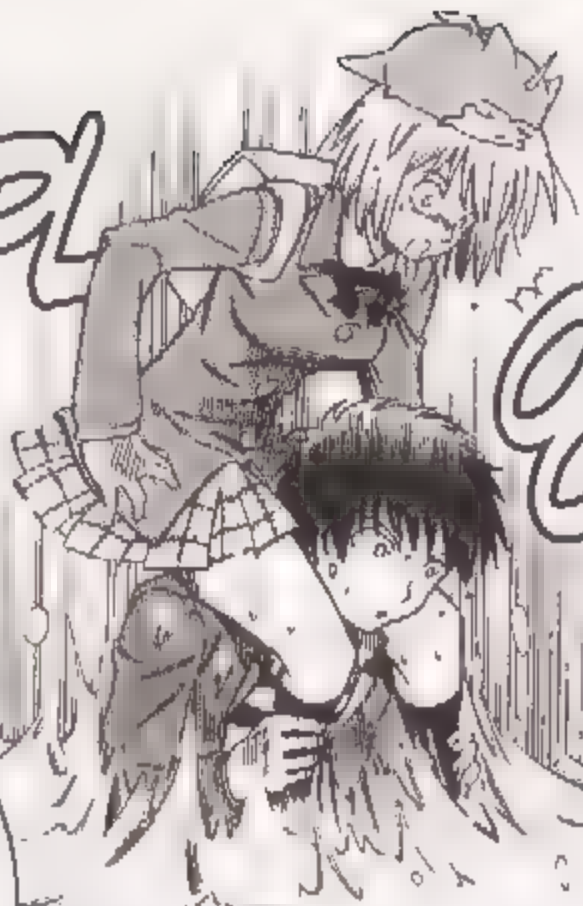




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IS
THIS
OKAY?



GLUP

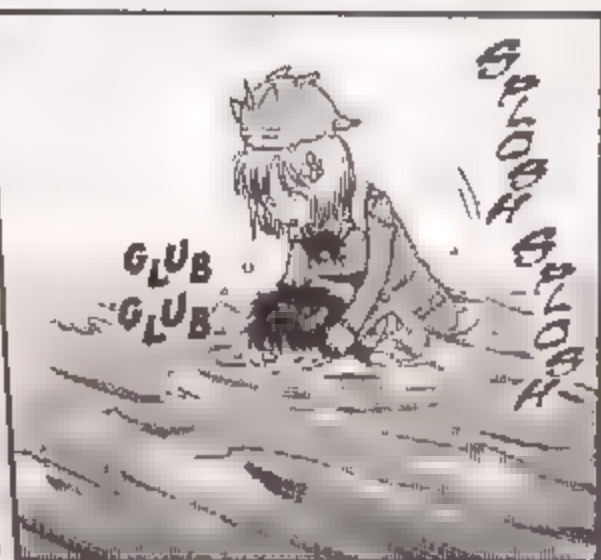


YUK-
KIL...



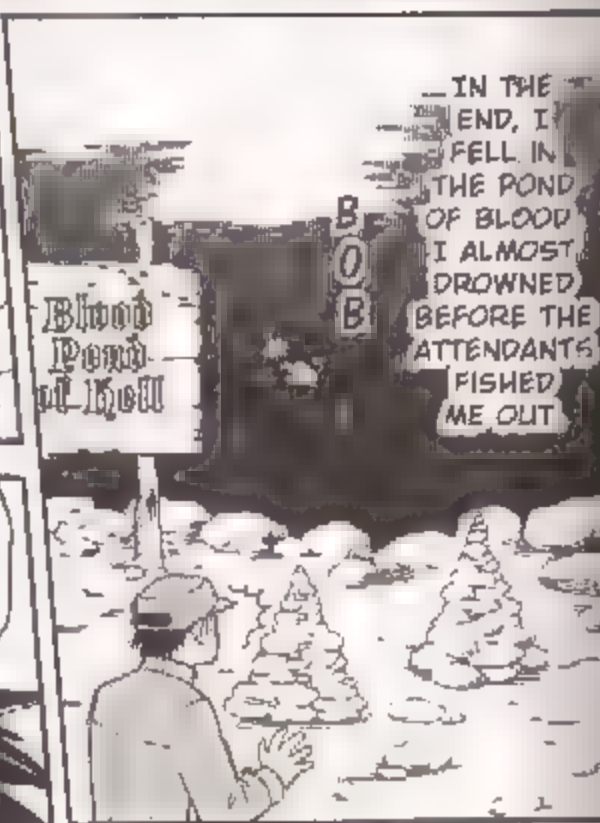
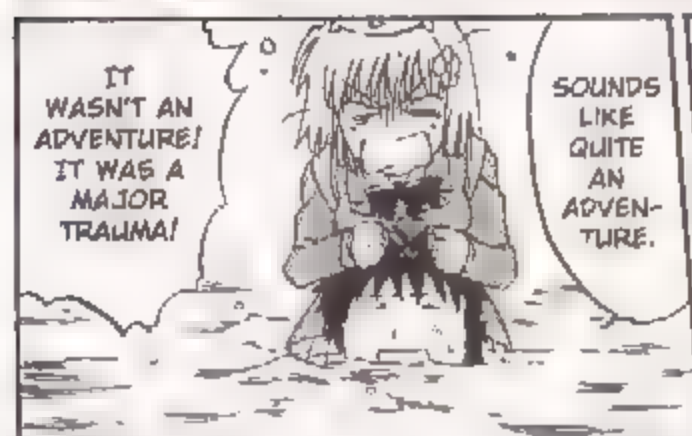
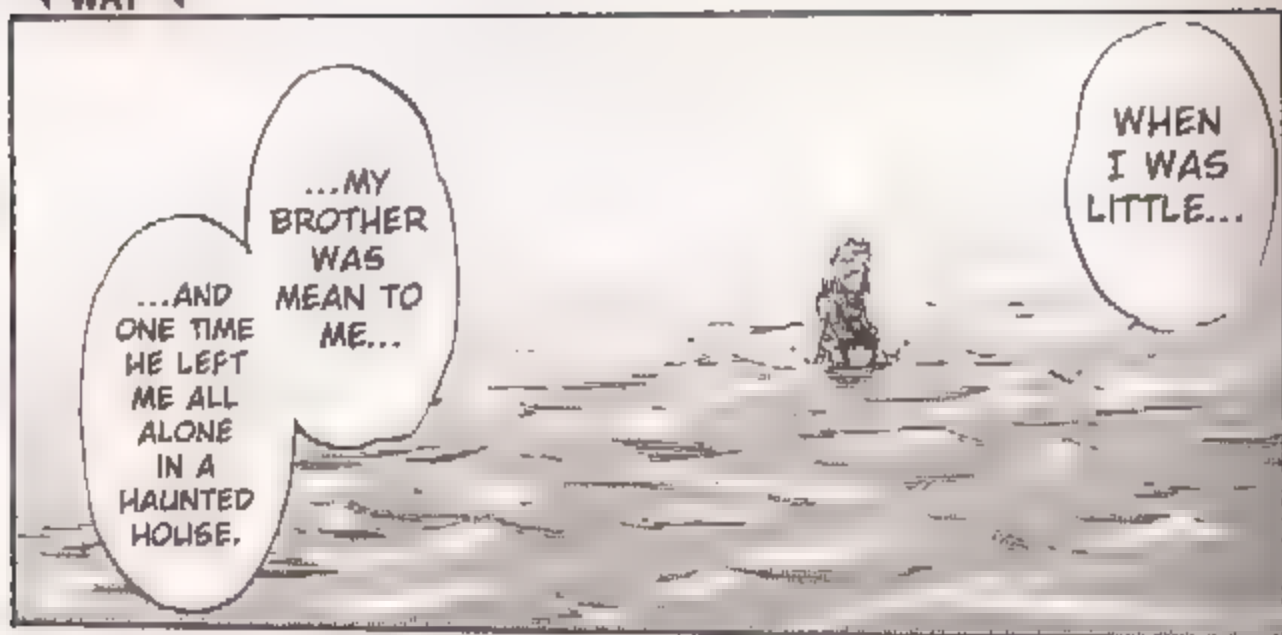
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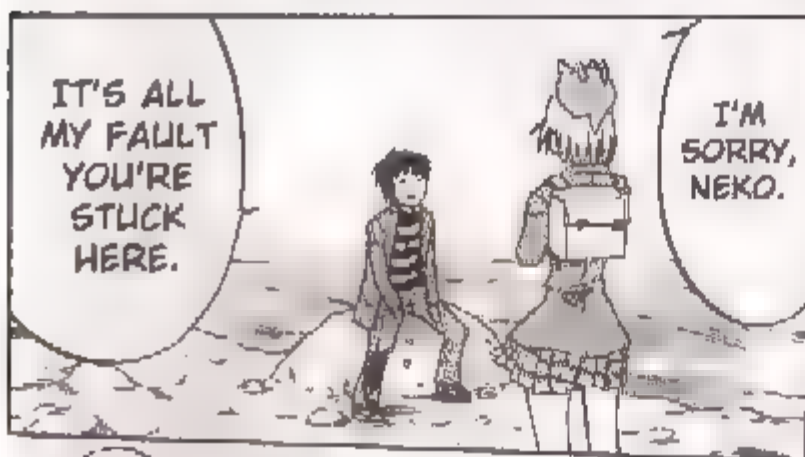
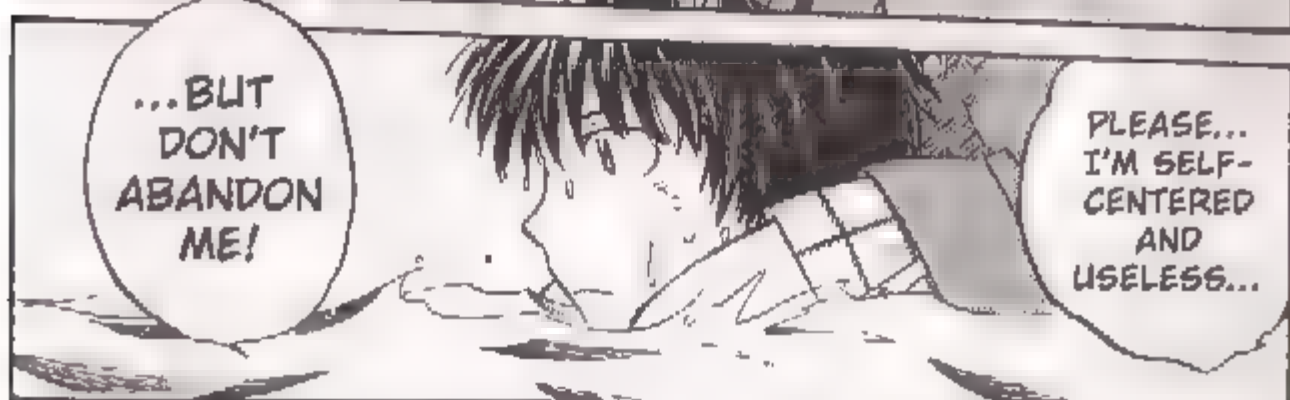
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GLUB
GLUB

SNOO
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WHENEVER
I DRIFT
OFF INTO
MY OWN
LITTLE
WORLD...

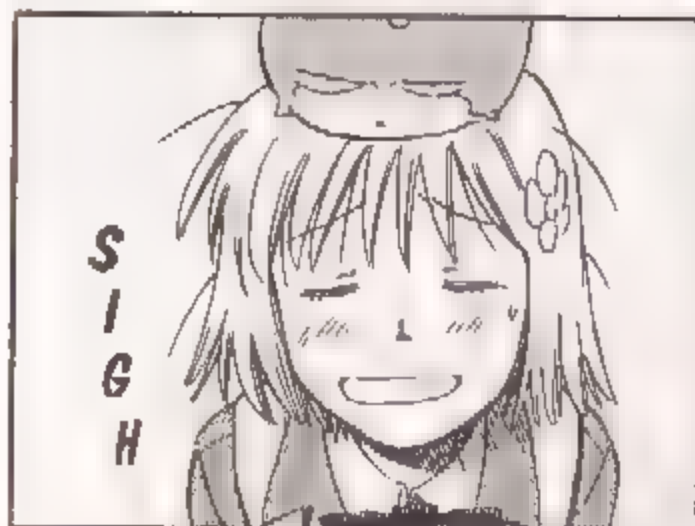
...IF YOU
WEREN'T
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WITH
ME...

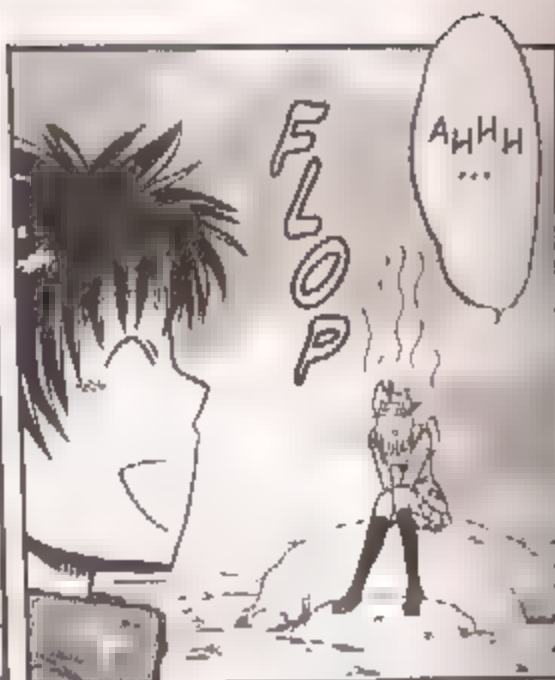
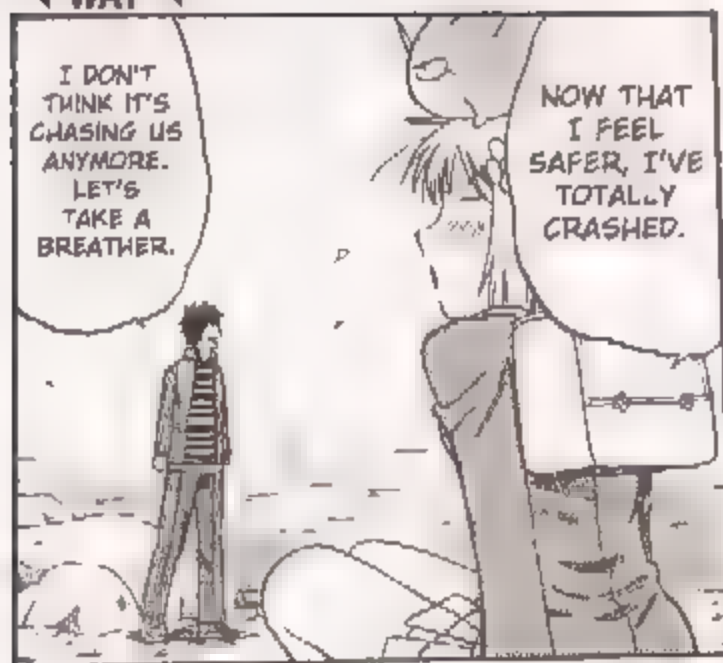
...YOU
ALWAYS
SLAP ME
BACK TO
REALITY.

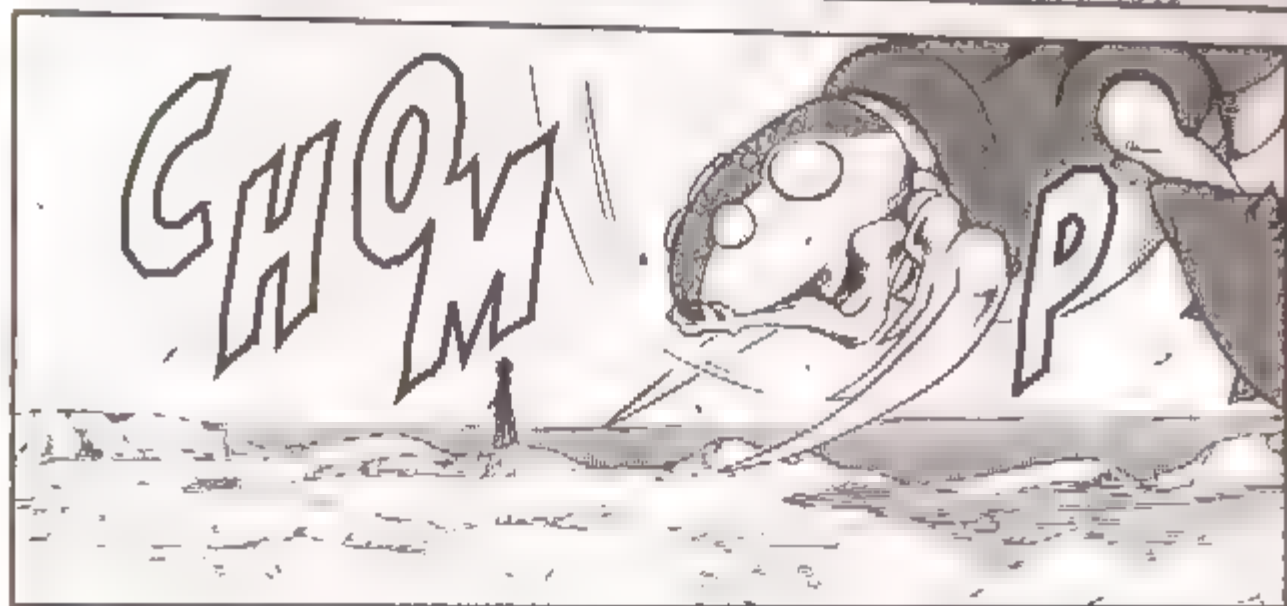
...I DON'T
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COULD'VE
GOTTEN
THIS FAR.

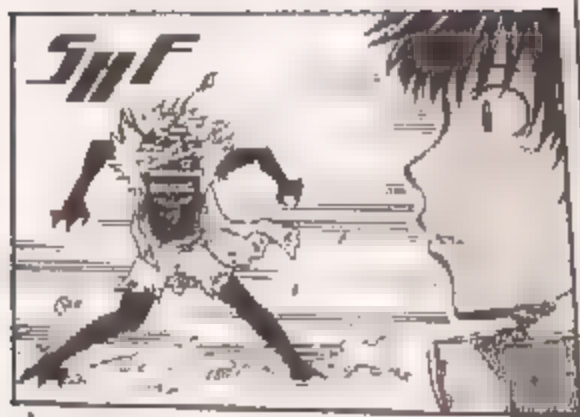
WHEN
I THINK
ABOUT
PROTECTING
YOU, I FEEL
TEN TIMES
BRAVER!

ANYWAY,
YOU GIVE ME
SOMEBODY
TO CARE
ABOUT.









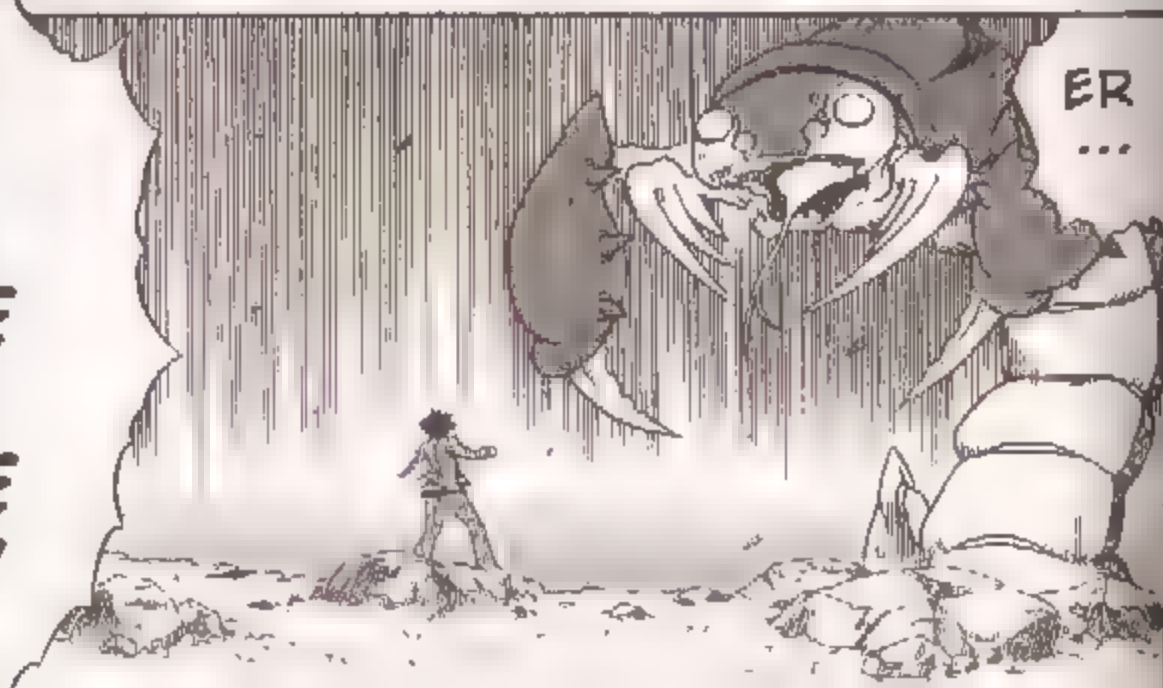
YOU
GOT THE
WRONG
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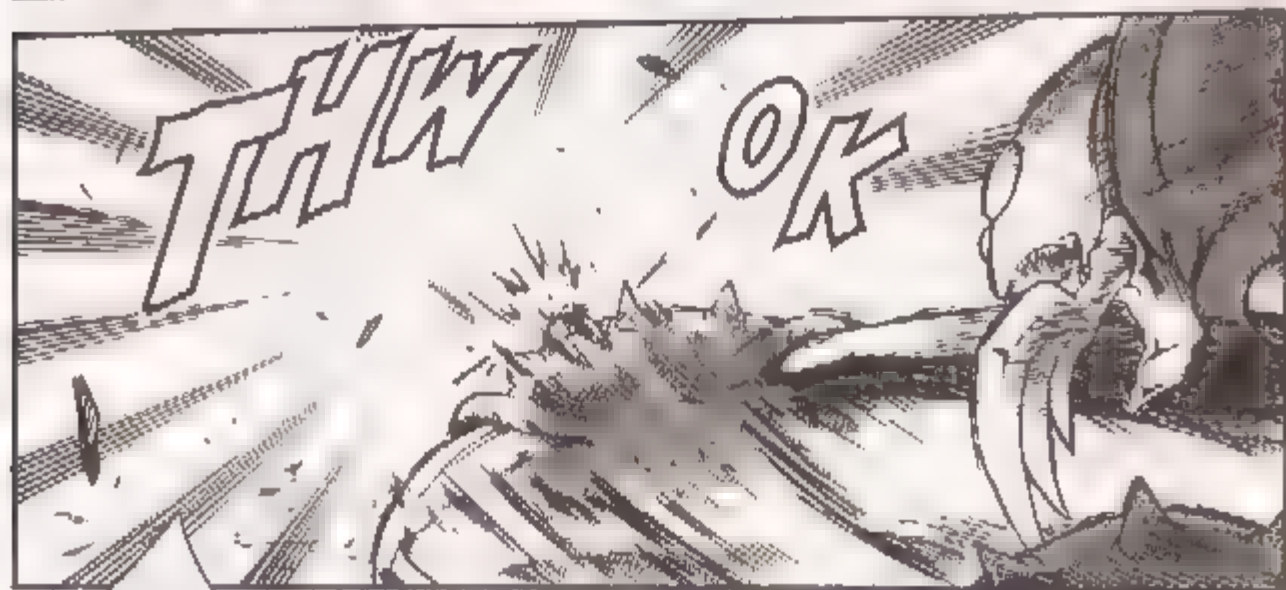
SAND
TAKER!



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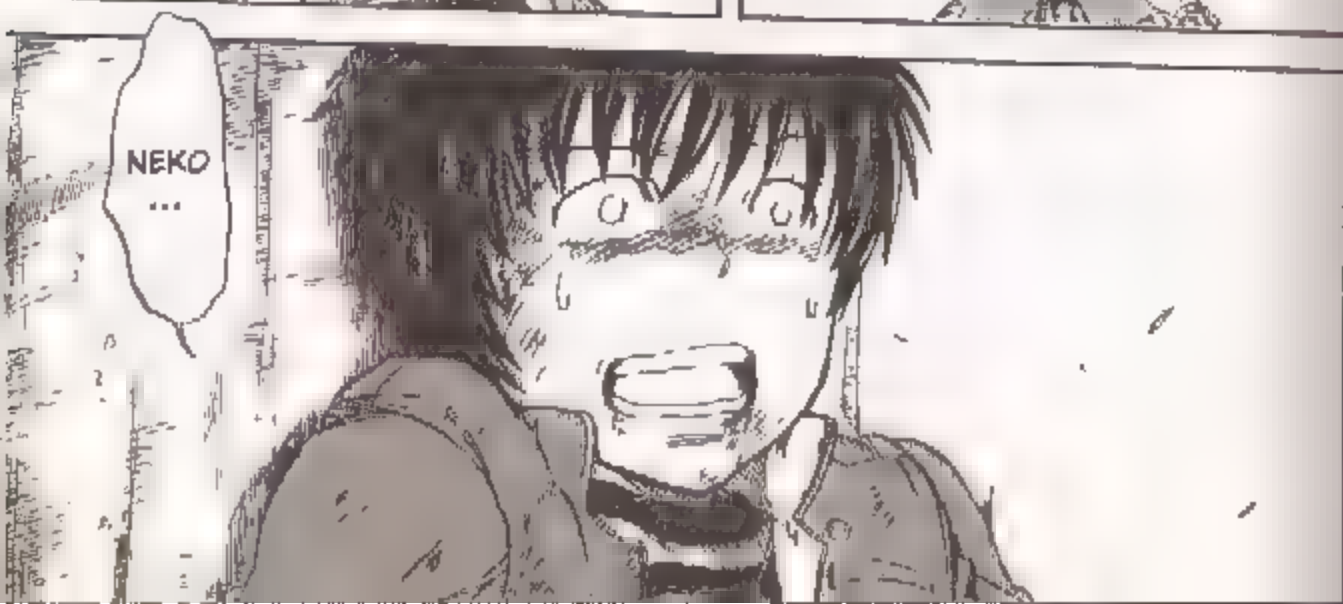
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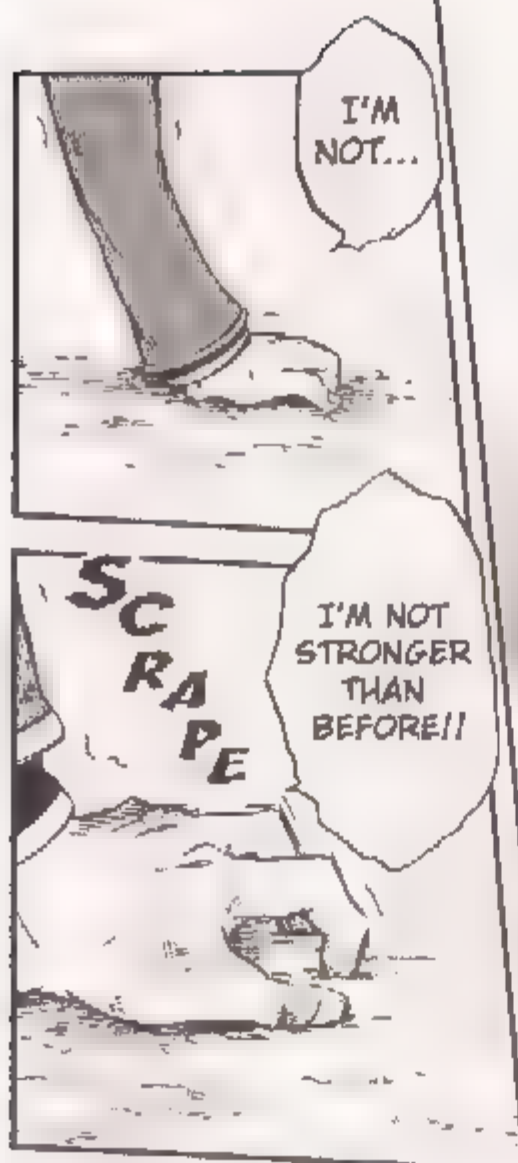






UGH
...





I HATE
BEING
ALONE...

I HATE
SCARY
PLACES...



...I
WISH
YOU
WERE
HERE!!

AT-A
TIME
LIKE
THIS...

NOT
NOW!

NO

...THAT
YOU WERE
WITH ME!
MORE THAN
NOW!!!

I'VE
NEVER
WISHED...

...ALWAYS
SUPPOSED
TO BE
TOGETHER?

WEREN'T
WE...

YOU
SAID
YOU'D
COME IF
I CALLED
FOR YOU!

**G
I
V
E
M
E
Y
O
U
R
S
T
R
E
N
G
T
H
!!**



**ANSWER
ME,
RAIKOO
!!**

**B
O
M**

GRRRRRRM

?!

WHAT'S
THAT?
SOMETHING'S
COMING!

GAW M
R R R

NO
WAY
...

IMPOSSIBLE!!!

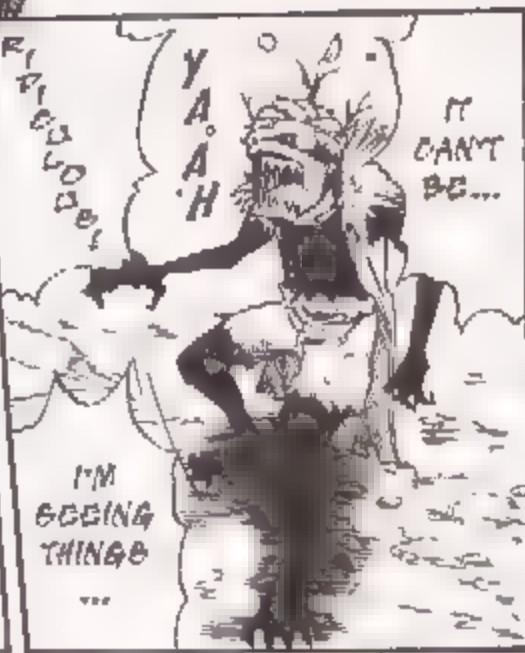
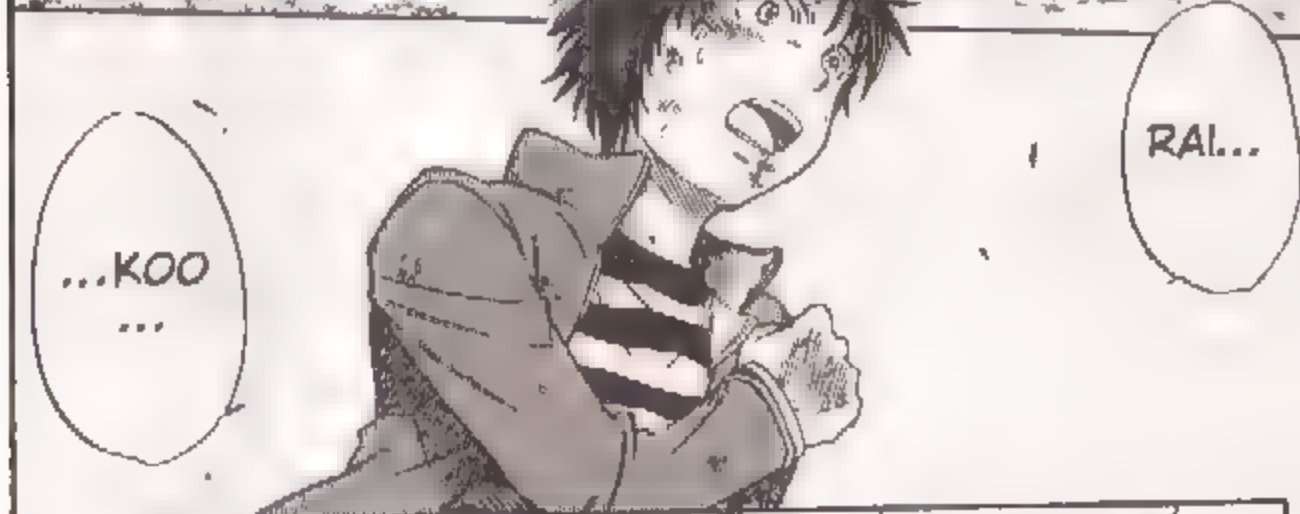
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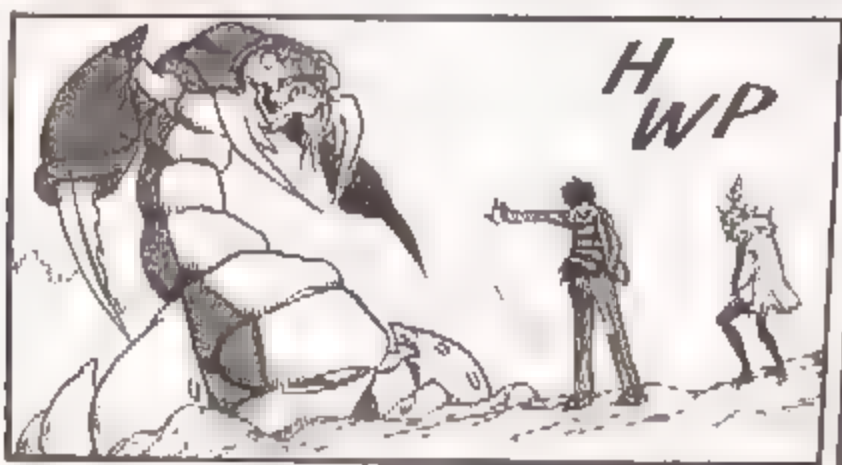
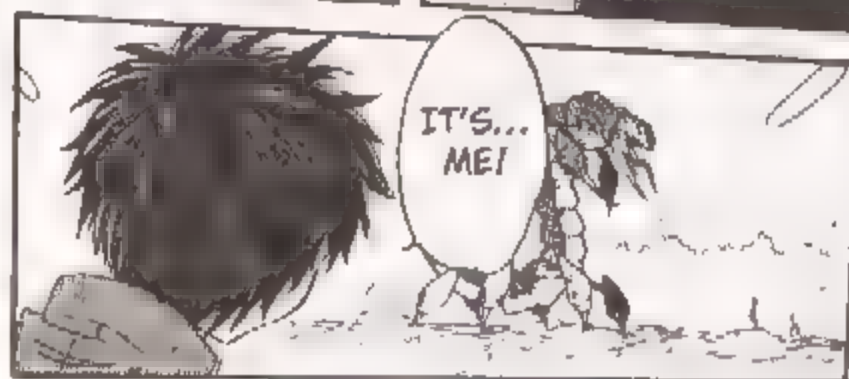
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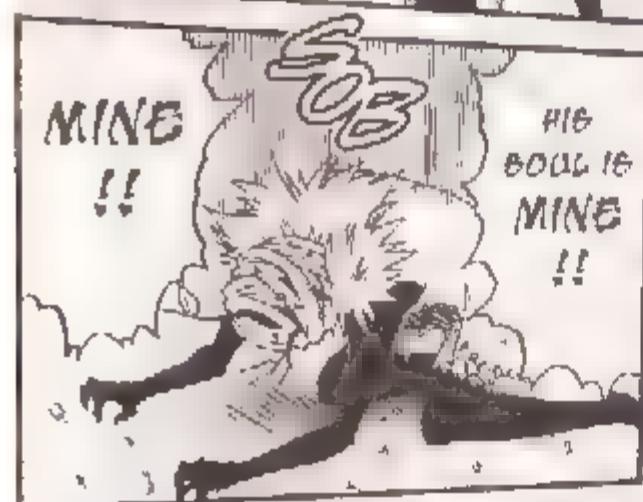
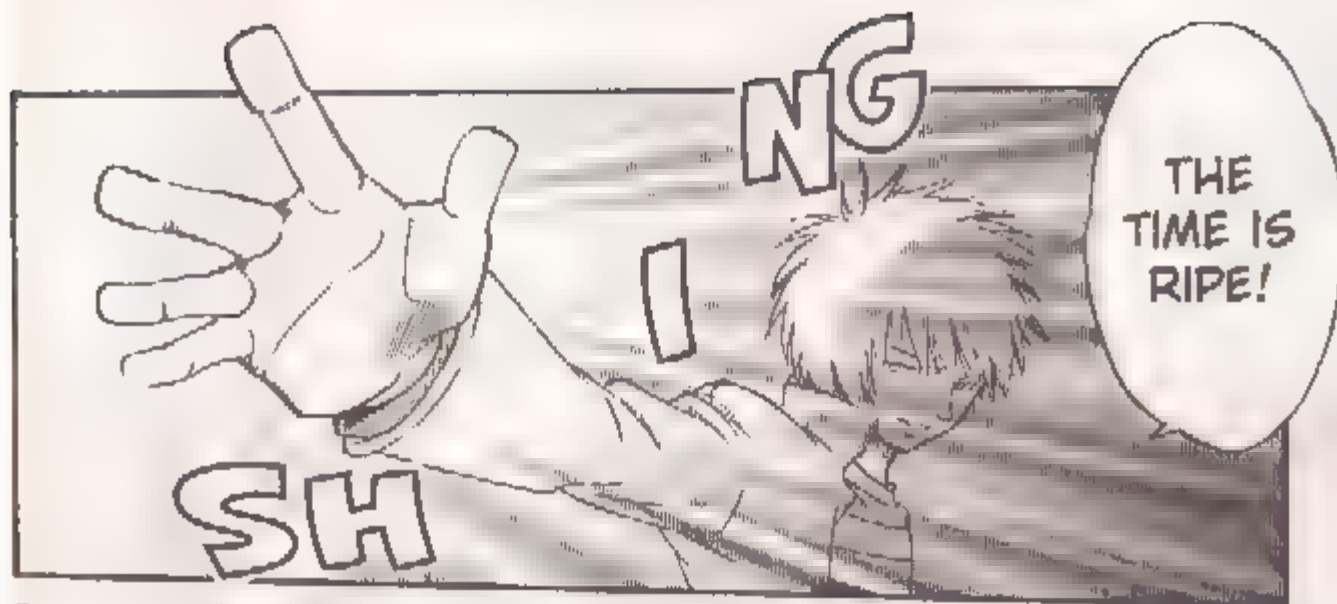
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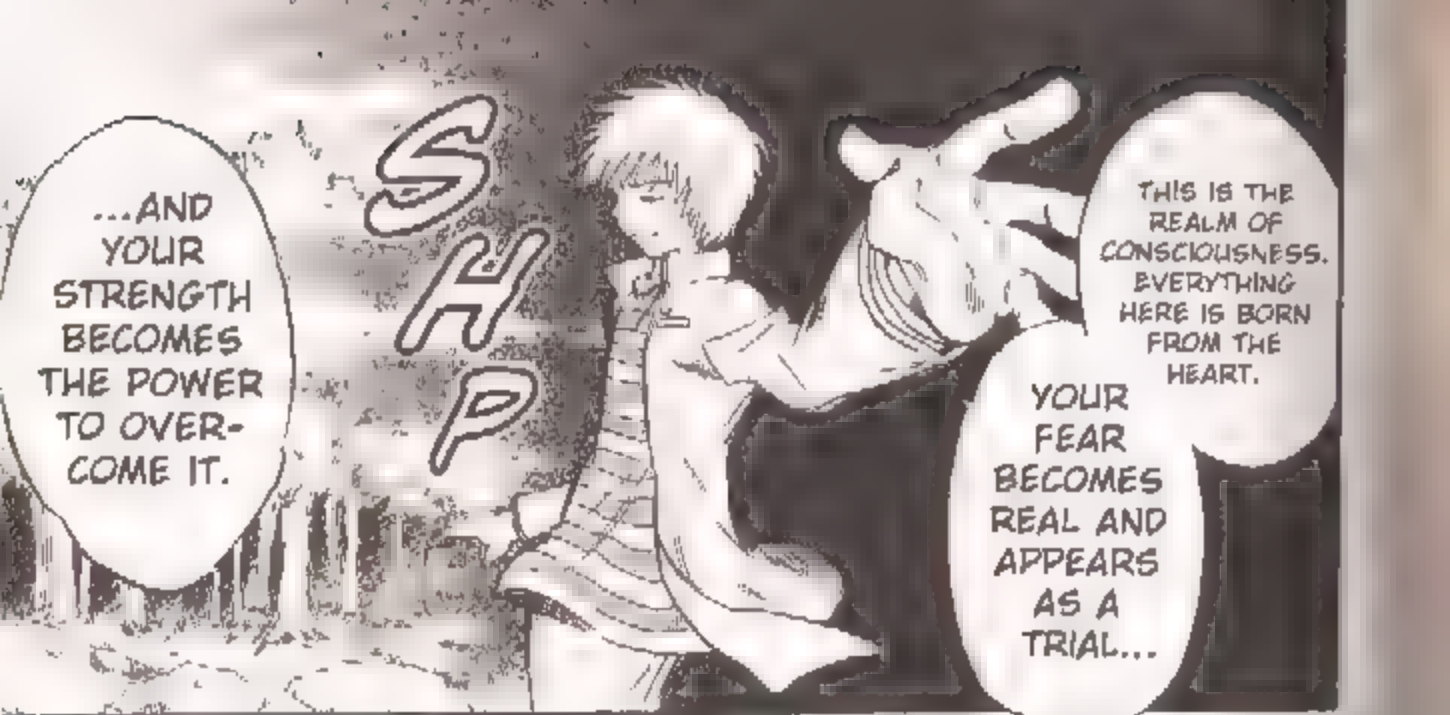
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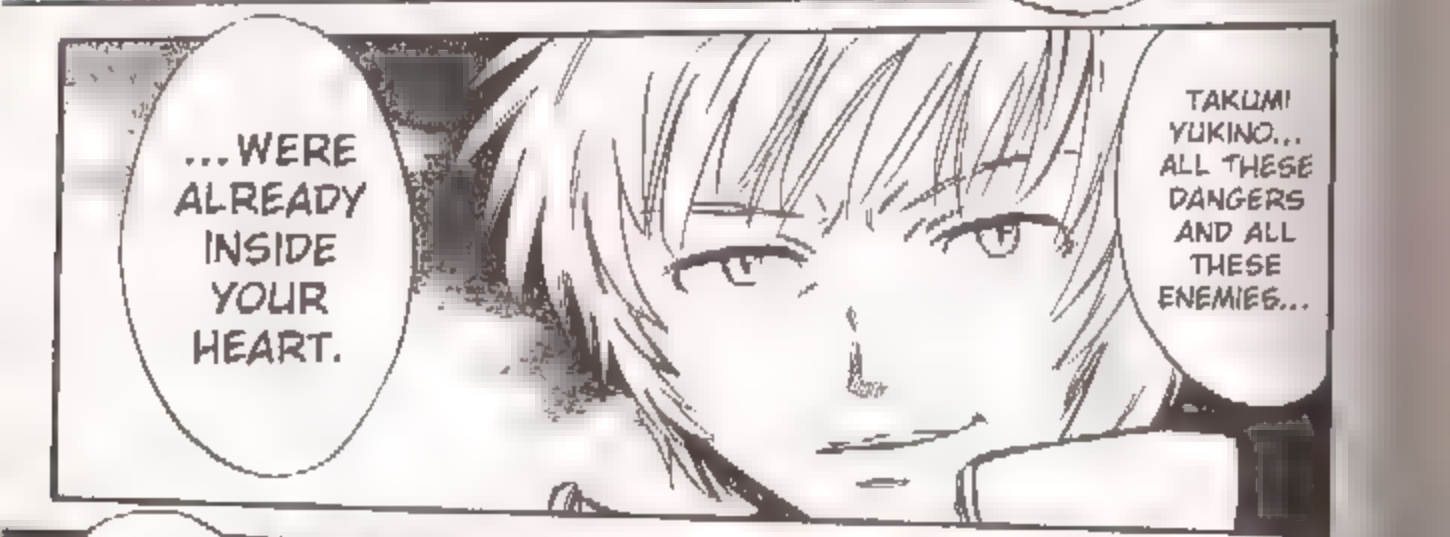
...AND
YOUR
STRENGTH
BECOMES
THE POWER
TO OVER-
COME IT.

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THIS IS THE
REALM OF
CONSCIOUSNESS.
EVERYTHING
HERE IS BORN
FROM THE
HEART.

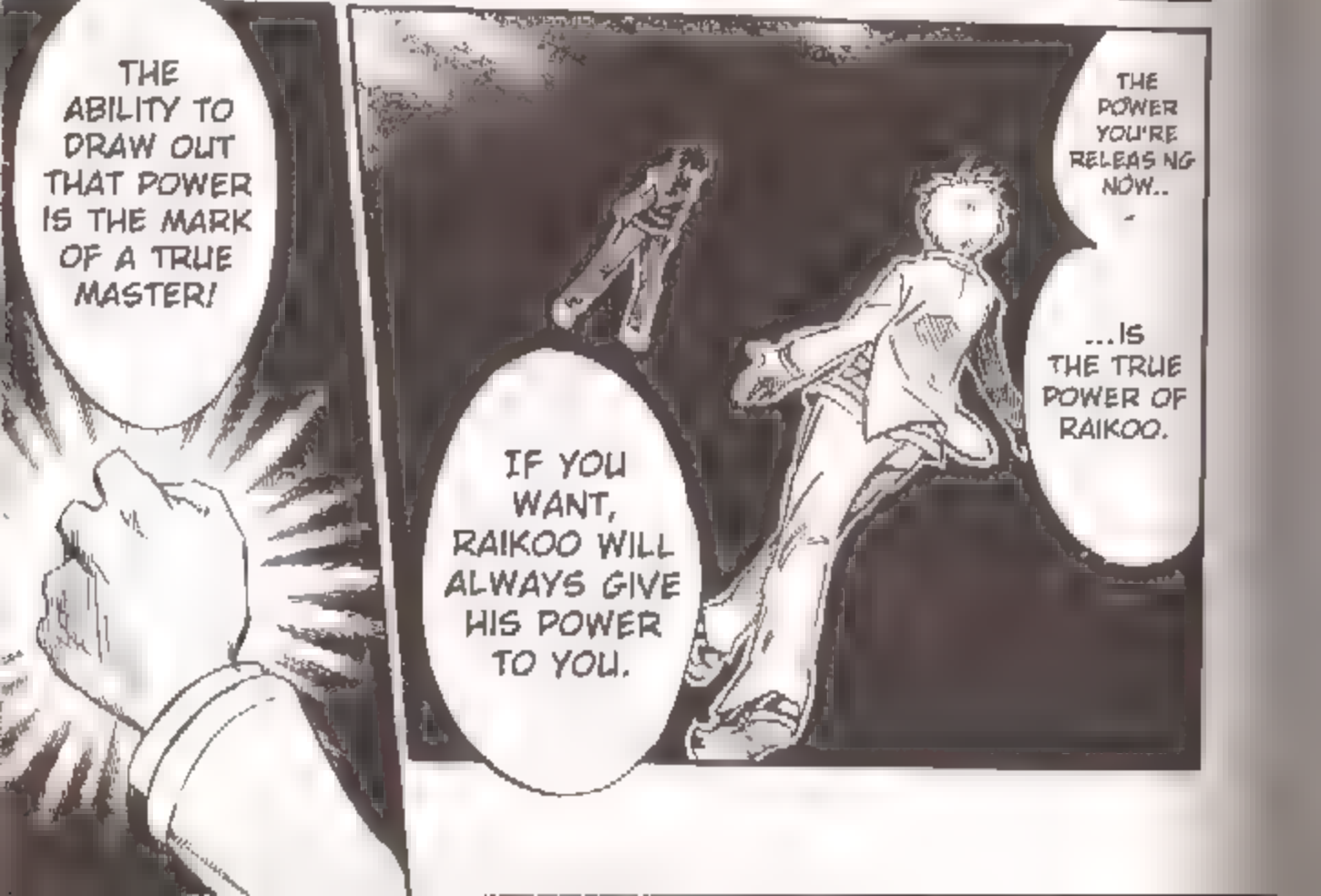
YOUR
FEAR
BECOMES
REAL AND
APPEARS
AS A
TRIAL...

...WERE
ALREADY
INSIDE
YOUR
HEART.



TAKUMI
YUKINO...
ALL THESE
DANGERS
AND ALL
THESE
ENEMIES...

THE
ABILITY TO
DRAW OUT
THAT POWER
IS THE MARK
OF A TRUE
MASTER!



IF YOU
WANT,
RAIKOO WILL
ALWAYS GIVE
HIS POWER
TO YOU.

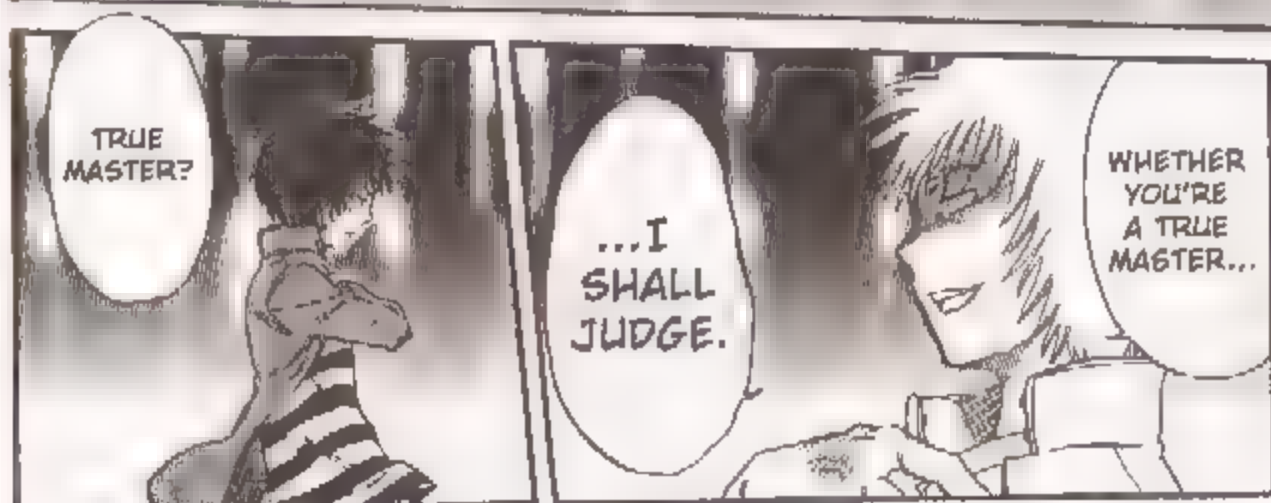
THE
POWER
YOU'RE
RELEAS NG
NOW..

...IS
THE TRUE
POWER OF
RAIKOO.



...WILL
SHOW
YOU THE
FINAL
TRIAL!

NOW I,
RAIKOO
TRUE
EYE...



TRUE
MASTER?

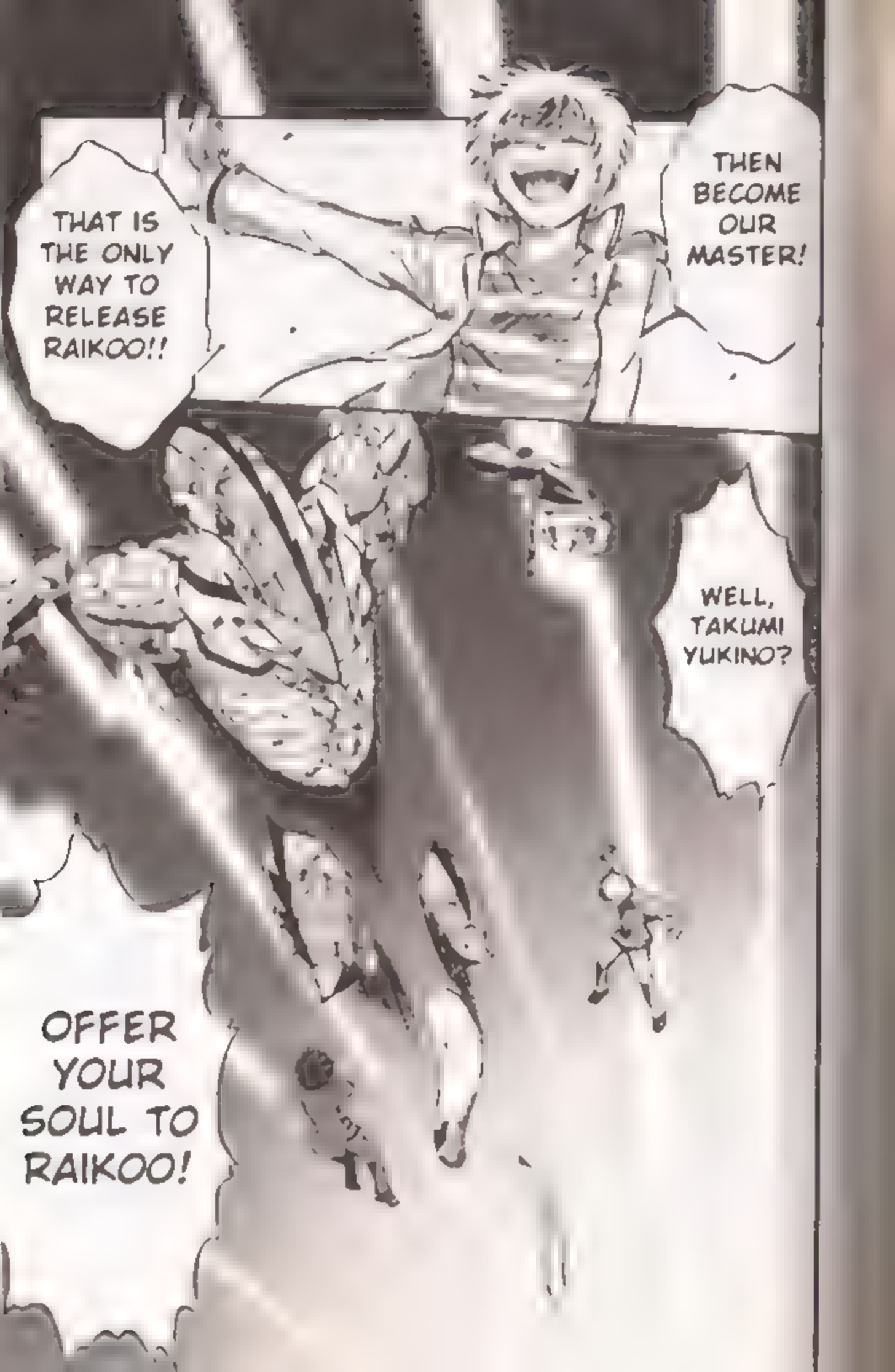
...I
SHALL
JUDGE.

WHETHER
YOU'RE
A TRUE
MASTER...



I JUST
WANT TO
SAVE
RAIKOO.

LOOK,
I DON'T
CARE.



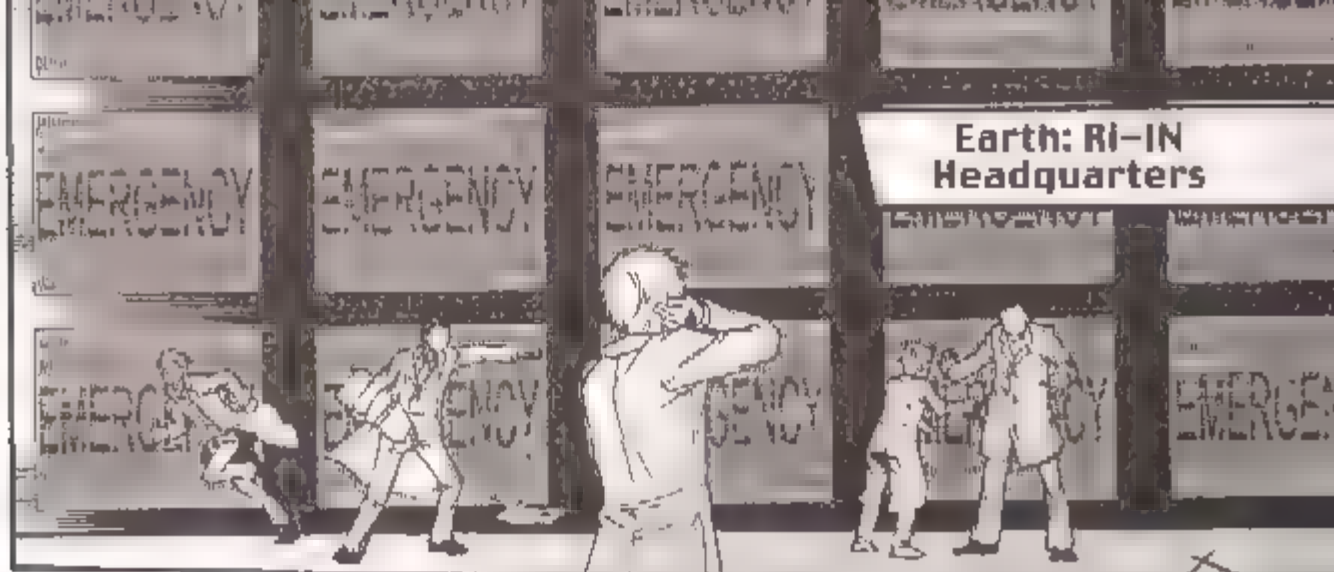
THAT IS
THE ONLY
WAY TO
RELEASE
RAIKOO!!

THEN
BECOME
OUR
MASTER!

WELL,
TAKUMI
YUKINO?

OFFER
YOUR
SOUL TO
RAIKOO!

Earth: RI-IN Headquarters



IT'S HACKING THE BIG KIDNAPPER PROGRAM TO MATERIALIZE ON EARTH!!



BIG KIDNAPPER...

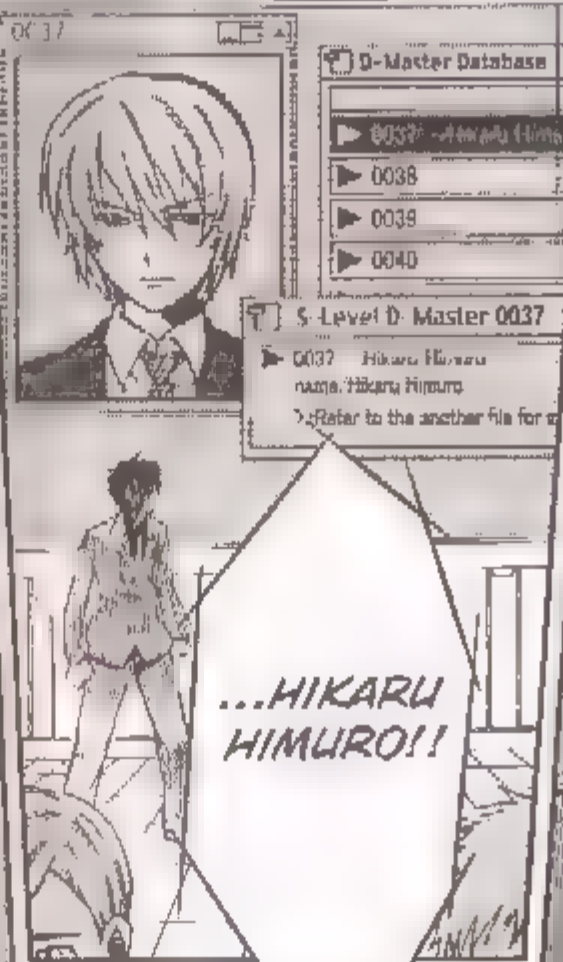
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SOME-THING IS BREAKING INTO THE D-ZONE!

THE TOP S-LEVEL D-MASTER!



WHAT?



...HIKARU HIMURO!!

I'VE IDENTIFIED THE CULPRIT!

HE'S A FORMER MEMBER OF THE OLD RI-ON RIKYU INVASION FORCE...



RR

RR

M

ALL
SECURITY
HAS BEEN
BREACHED
!!

HE'S
MATERIALIZING
IN THE
REAL
WORLD!!

ROO

VO
FA





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DRAGON DRIVE



CAN YOU
DETERMINE
WHERE
HE'S
HEADING?

YES,
SIR.

DON'T
TAKE
YOUR
EYES OFF
HIKARU!




HE'S
MOVING
SOUTH-
WEST
FROM HIS
ENTRY
POINT.



HE'S
HEADING
FOR
MOUNT
FUJI!

17th turn Promise



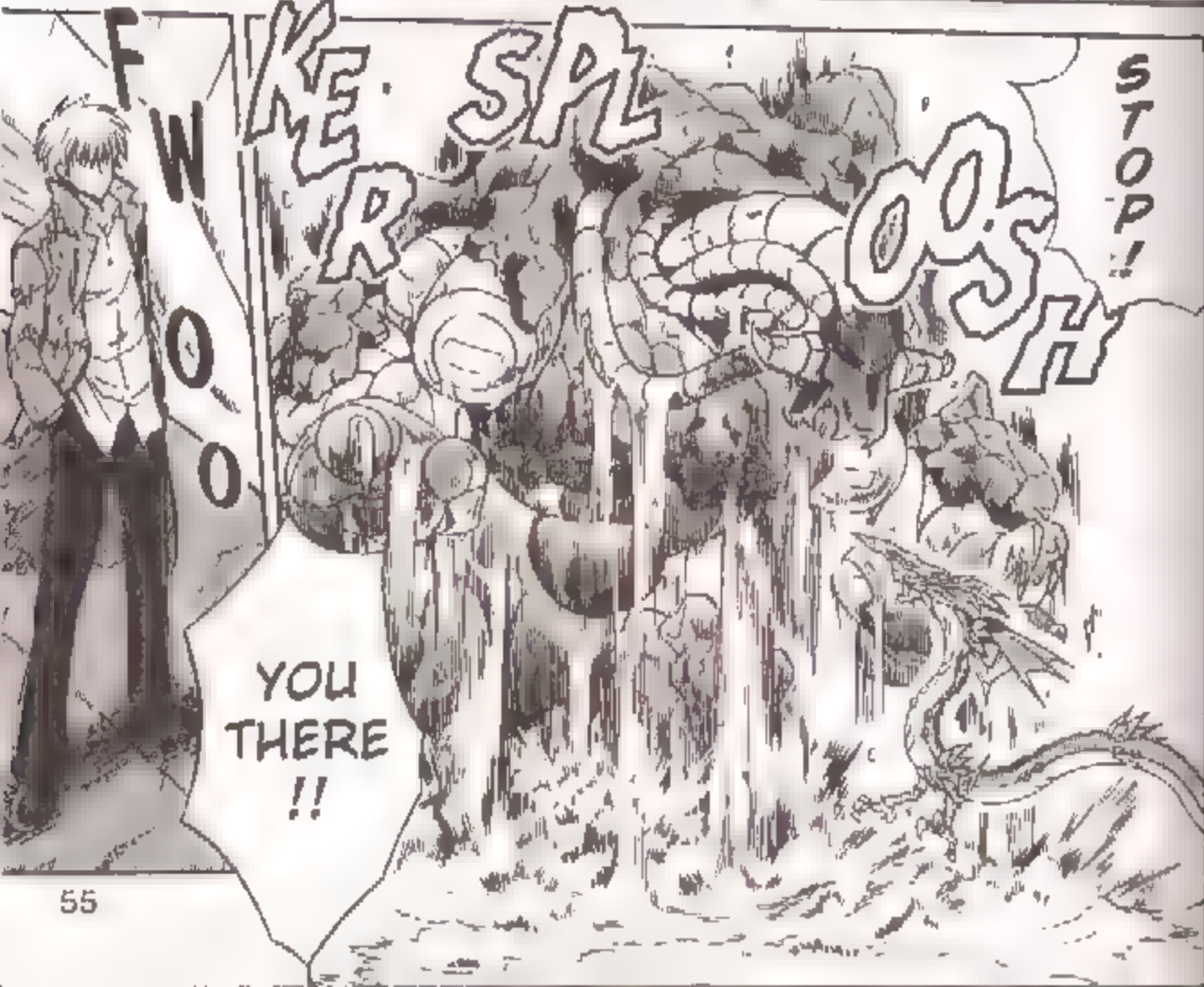
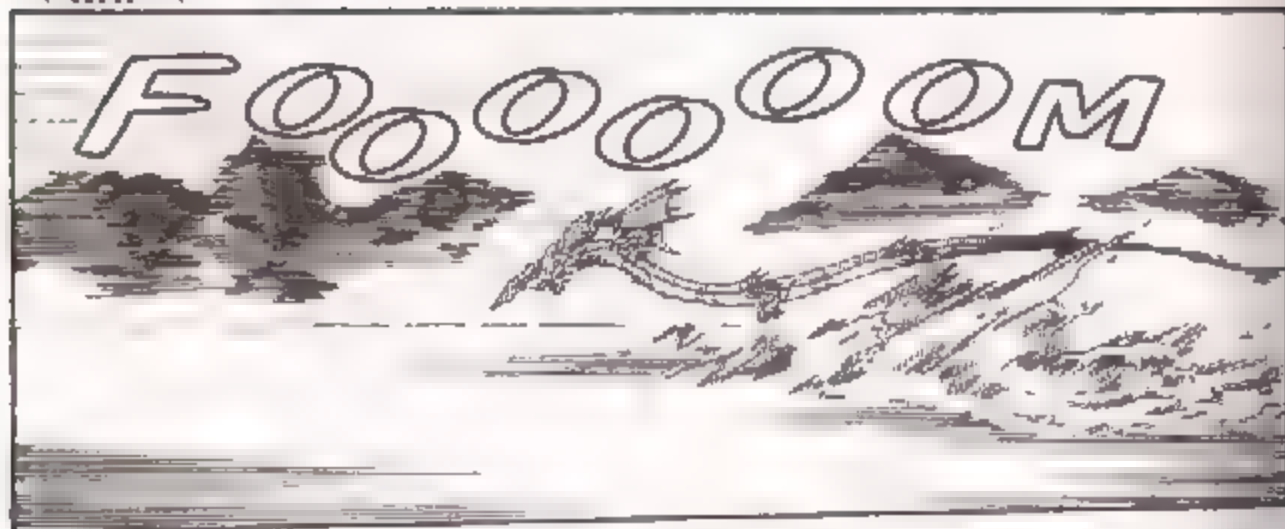
WHY
HAS
HE COME
BACK
NOW?

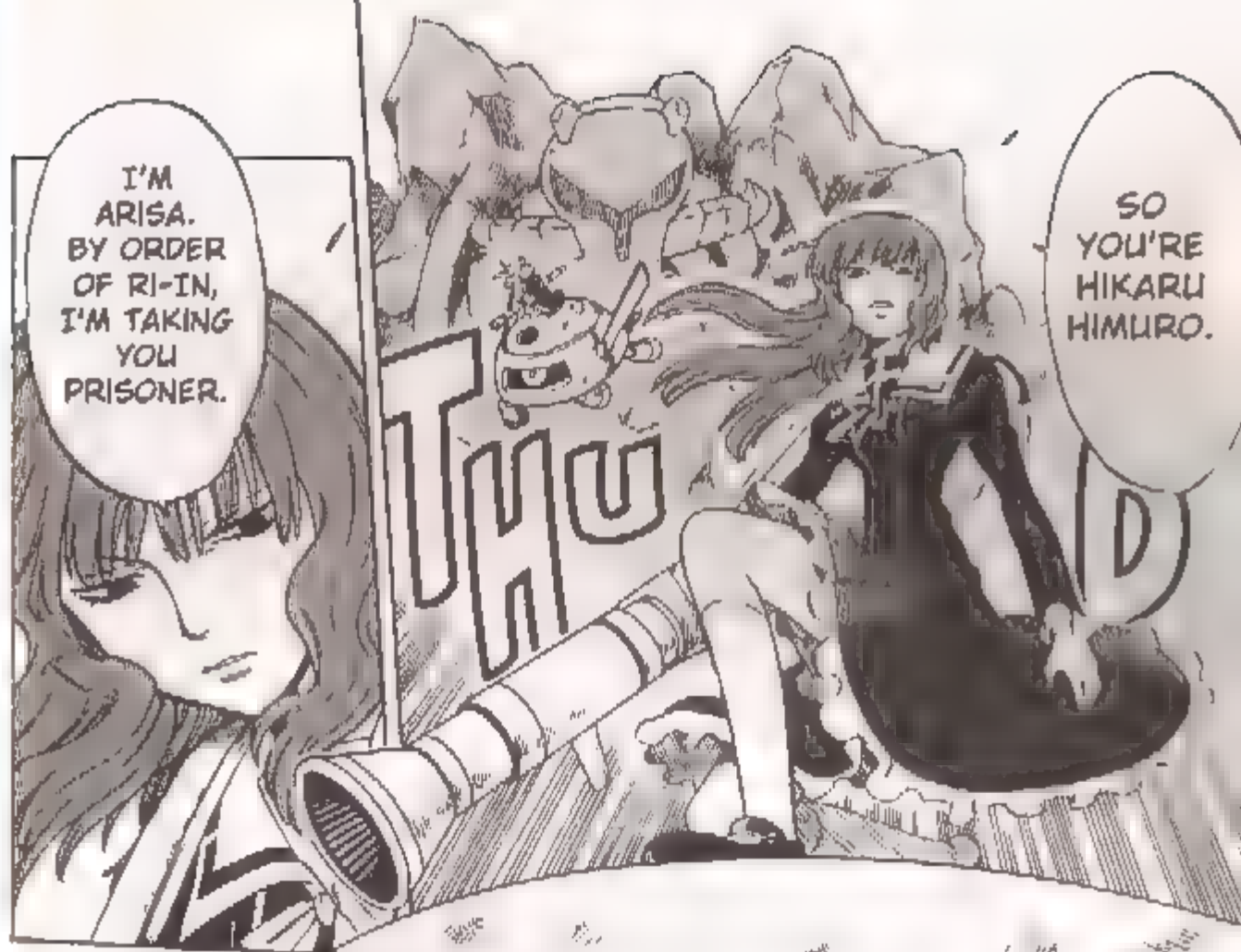
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A
FORMER
RI-ON
AGENT WHO
ABANDONED
EARTH...



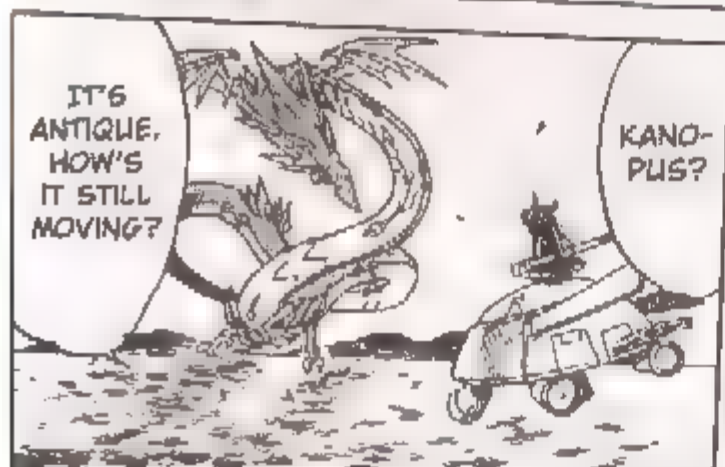
17th turn Promise





I'M
ARISA.
BY ORDER
OF RI-IN,
I'M TAKING
YOU
PRISONER.

SO
YOU'RE
HIKARU
HIMURO.



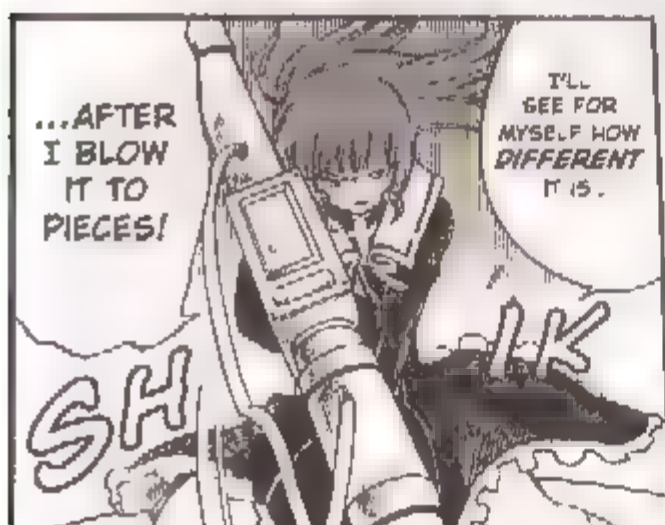
IT'S
ANTIQUE,
HOW'S
IT STILL
MOVING?

KANO-
PLUS?



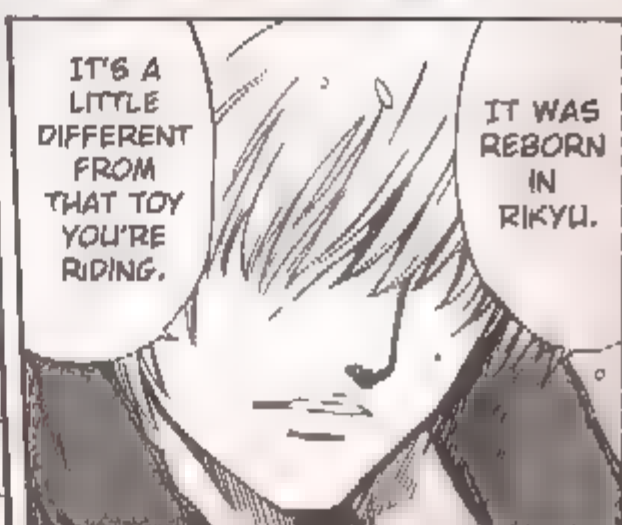
MUST
BE A
ROBOTIC
DRAGON.

SOUNDS
LIKE A
MACHINE.



...AFTER
I BLOW
IT TO
PIECES!

I'LL
SEE FOR
MYSELF HOW
DIFFERENT
IT IS.



IT'S A
LITTLE
DIFFERENT
FROM
THAT TOY
YOU'RE
RIDING.

IT WAS
REBORN
IN
RIKYU.

ROAR

GET
OUT
OF MY
WAY!

DON'T
INTERFERE.



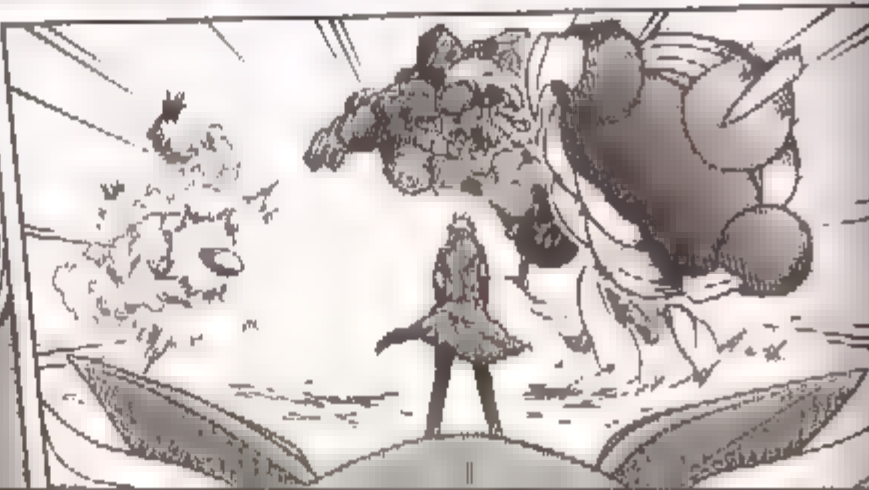
DON'T
MAKE ME
SAY IT
AGAIN.

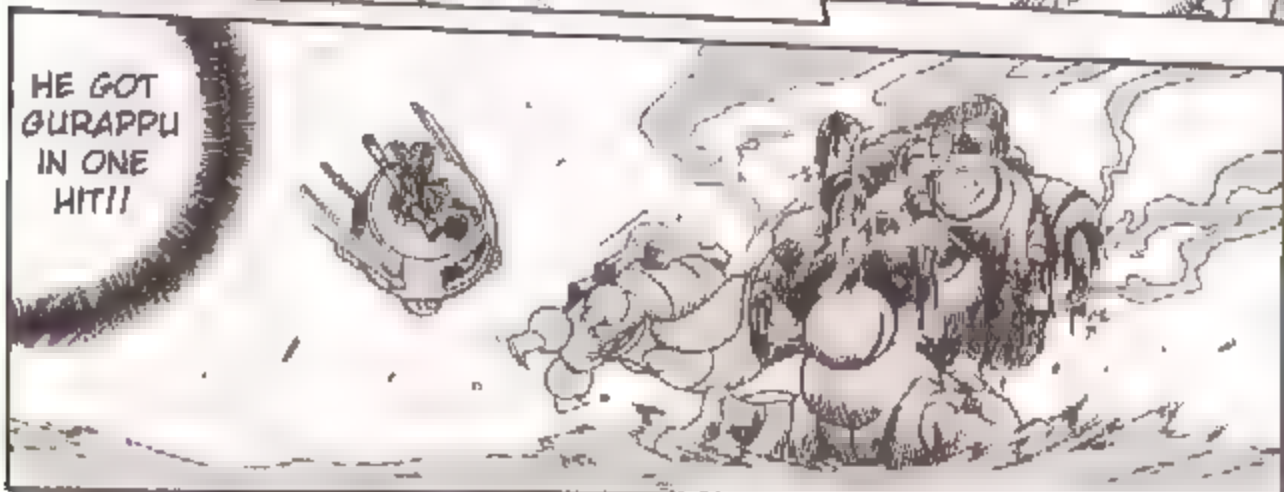
YOU'RE
MINE!!

BAM

BAM

KANO-
PLUS!







SORRY,
BUT I'M
COMING
THROUGH.

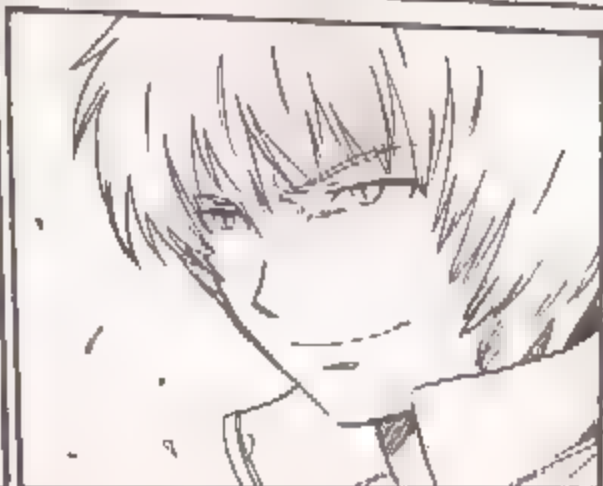
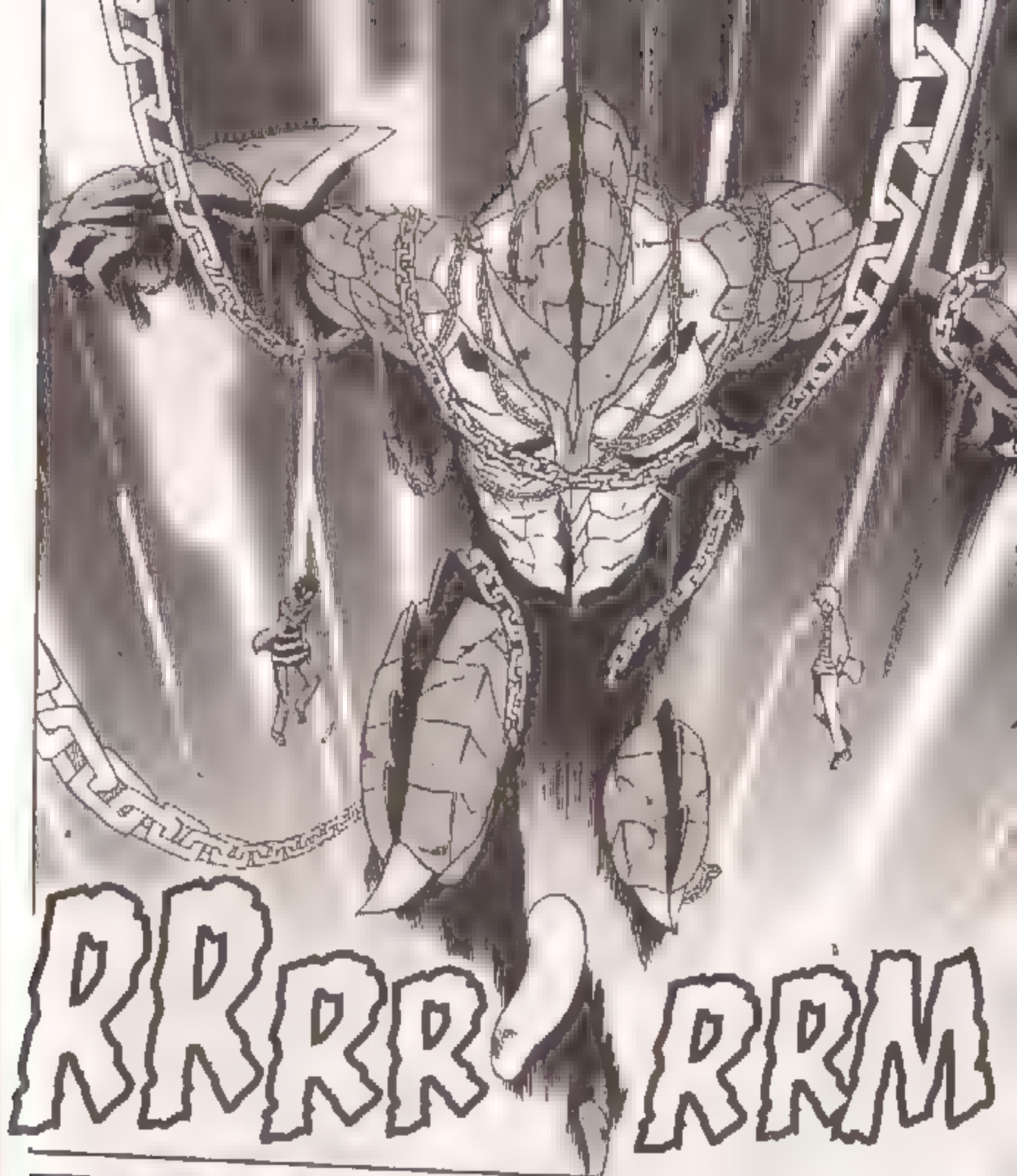


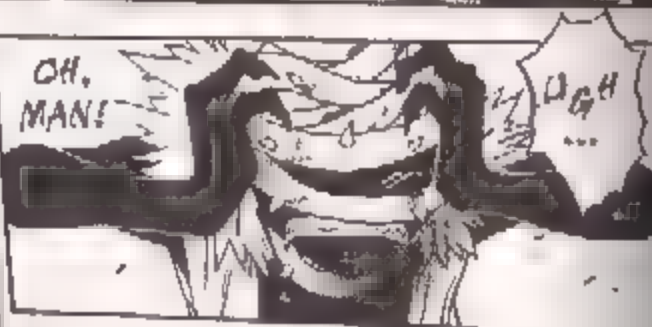
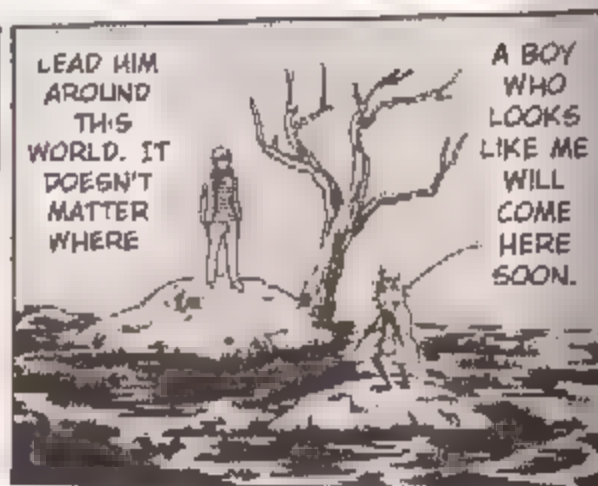
JUST
AS I
HEARD.

YOU'RE
PRETTY
GOOD.

I
SEE.

SO
THIS
IS WHY
HQ
WAS SO
EXCITED...

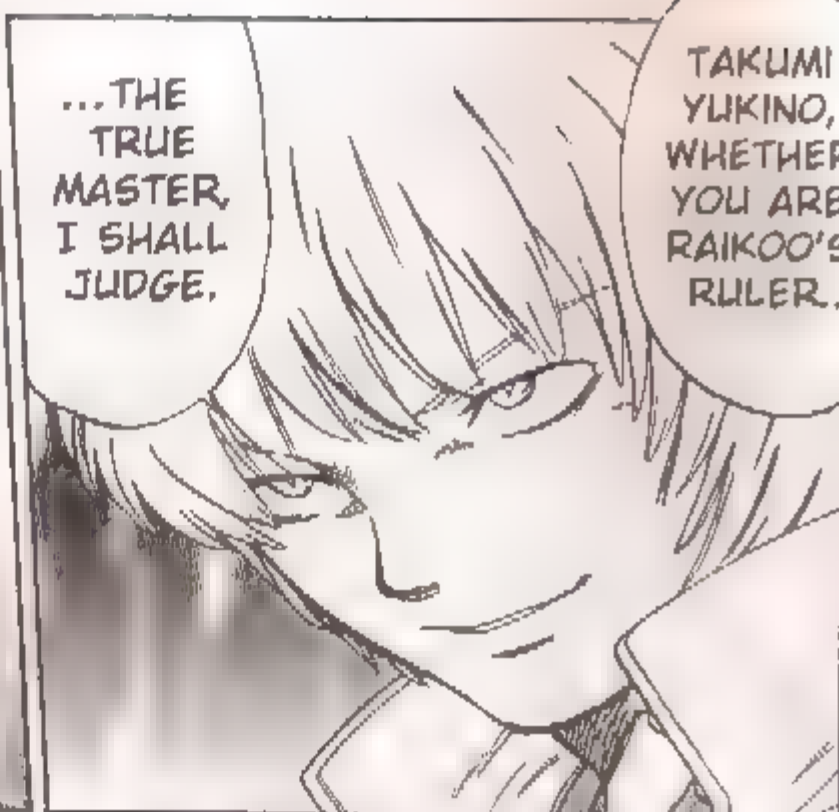






RAIKOO
AND I
ARE
FRIENDS!

I DON'T
CARE
ABOUT
BEING A
RULER
OR A
MASTER.



...THE
TRUE
MASTER,
I SHALL
JUDGE.

TAKUMI
YUKINO,
WHETHER
YOU ARE
RAIKOO'S
RULER...



...SO
I WANT
TO SAVE
HIM!!

WE'RE
FRIENDS
...



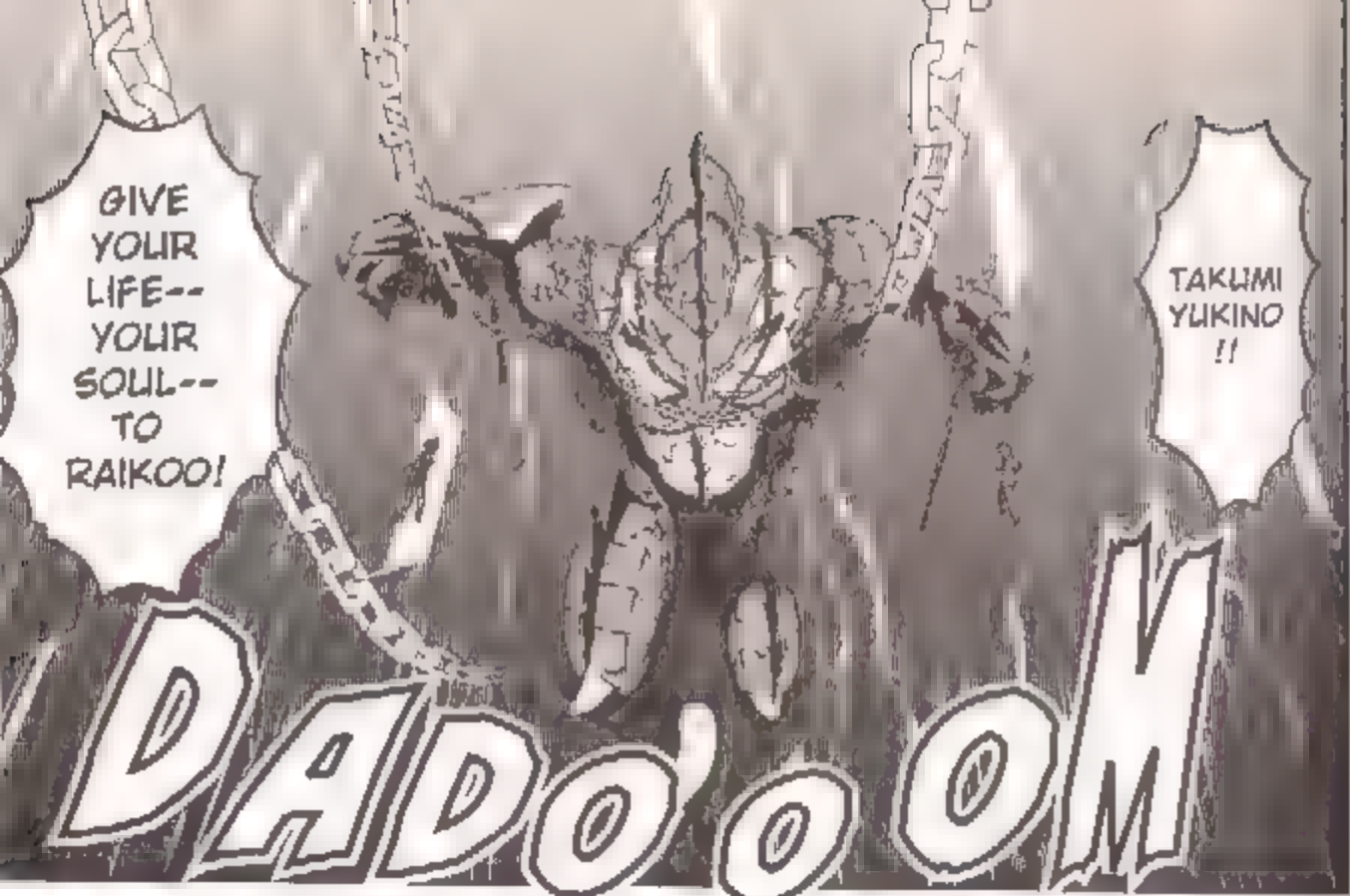
...THIS
WILL BE
A FITTING
TRIAL FOR
YOU!

IN
THAT
CASE
...



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H
H

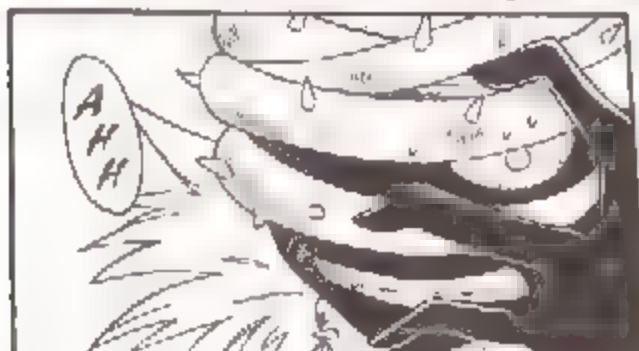
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GIVE
YOUR
LIFE--
YOUR
SOUL--
TO
RAIKOO!

TAKUMI
YUKINO
!!

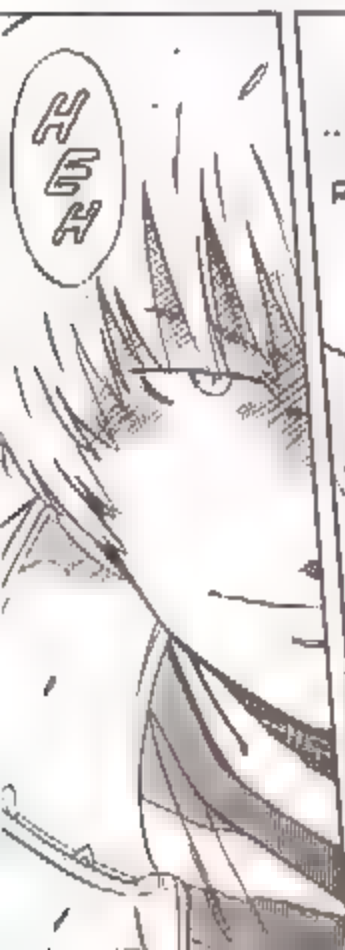
DADO O O O M



A
H
H



MY
SOUL?



H
E
H



...RAIKOO
WILL
REAWAKEN?

...IF I
DIE...

RRRM



SO...

YOU
MEAN
..



TH



I
WONT
LET
YOU DO
THAT!!



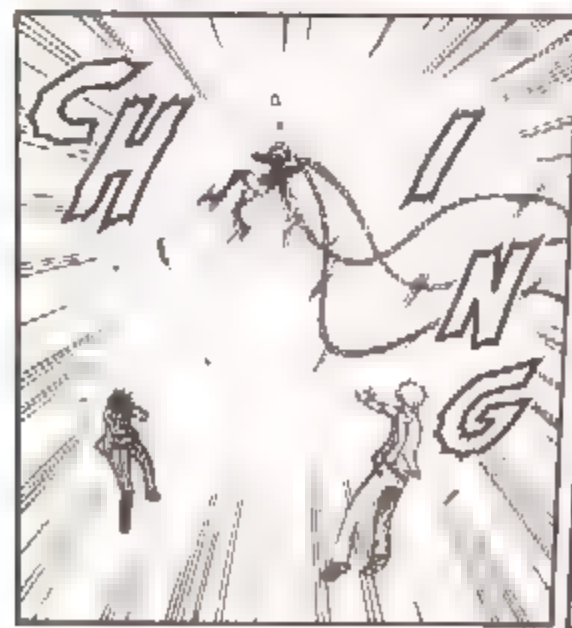
...TO
GET
BACK
HOME!

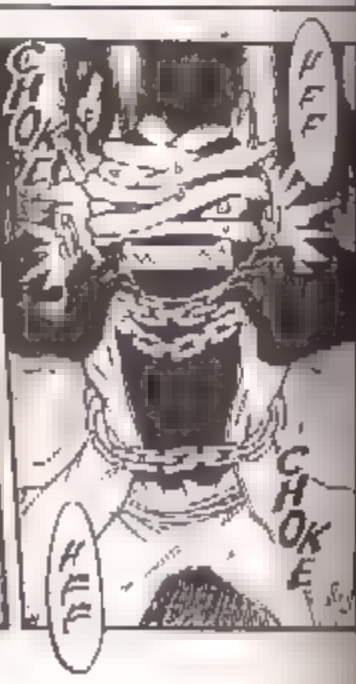
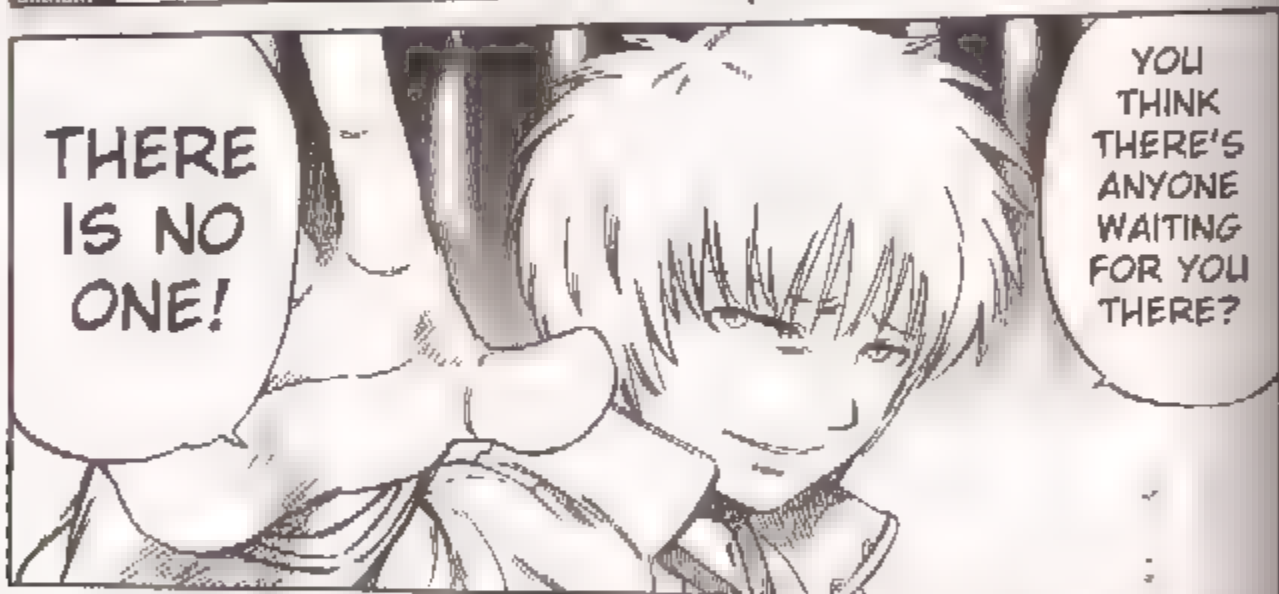
I CAN
USE
YOUR
SOUL
...

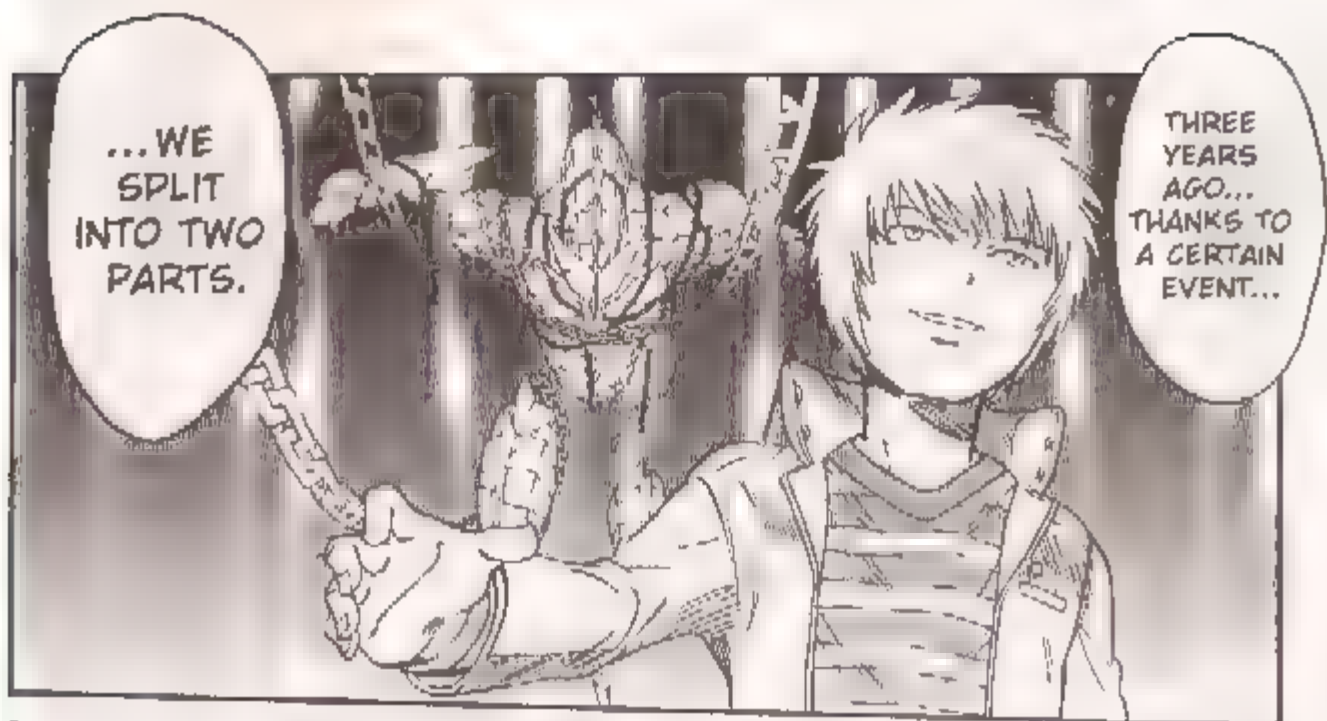


I
WONT
LET
RAIKOO
HAVE
IT!

YOUR
SOUL
IS
MINE!

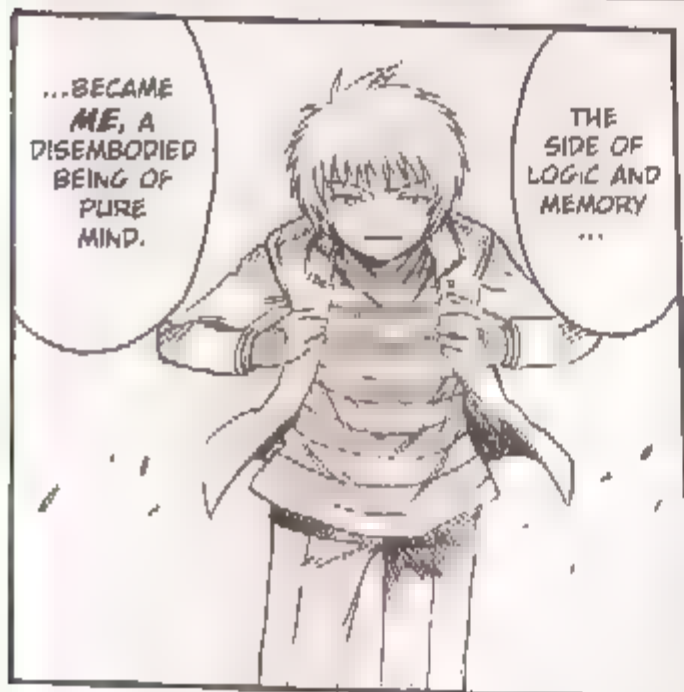






...WE
SPLIT
INTO TWO
PARTS.

THREE
YEARS
AGO...
THANKS TO
A CERTAIN
EVENT...



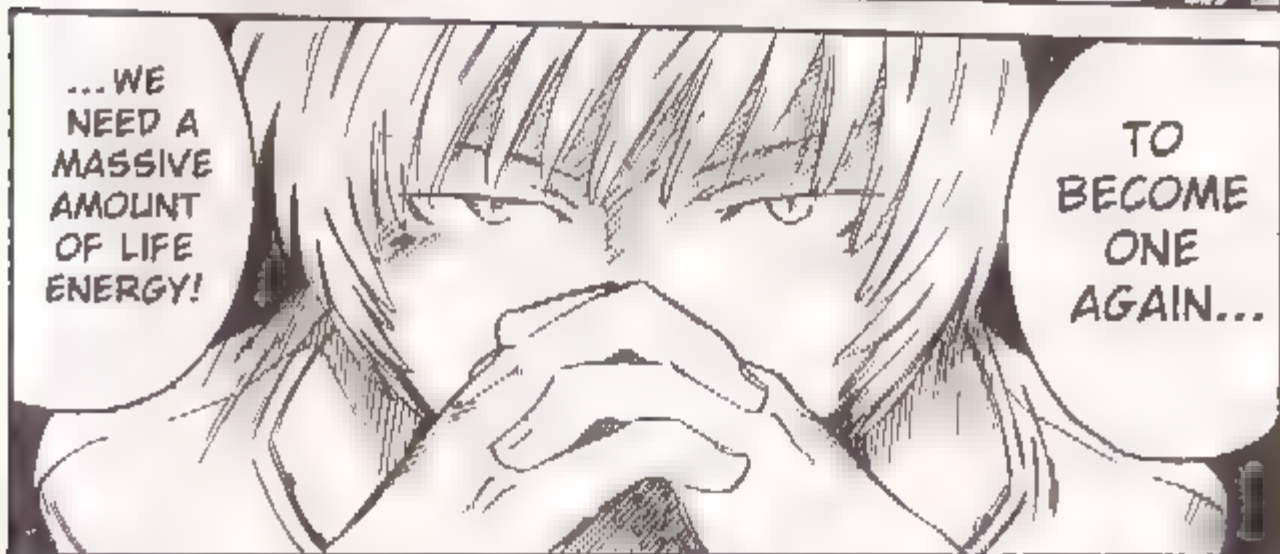
...BECAME
ME, A
DISEMBODIED
BEING OF
PURE
MIND.

THE
SIDE OF
LOGIC AND
MEMORY
...



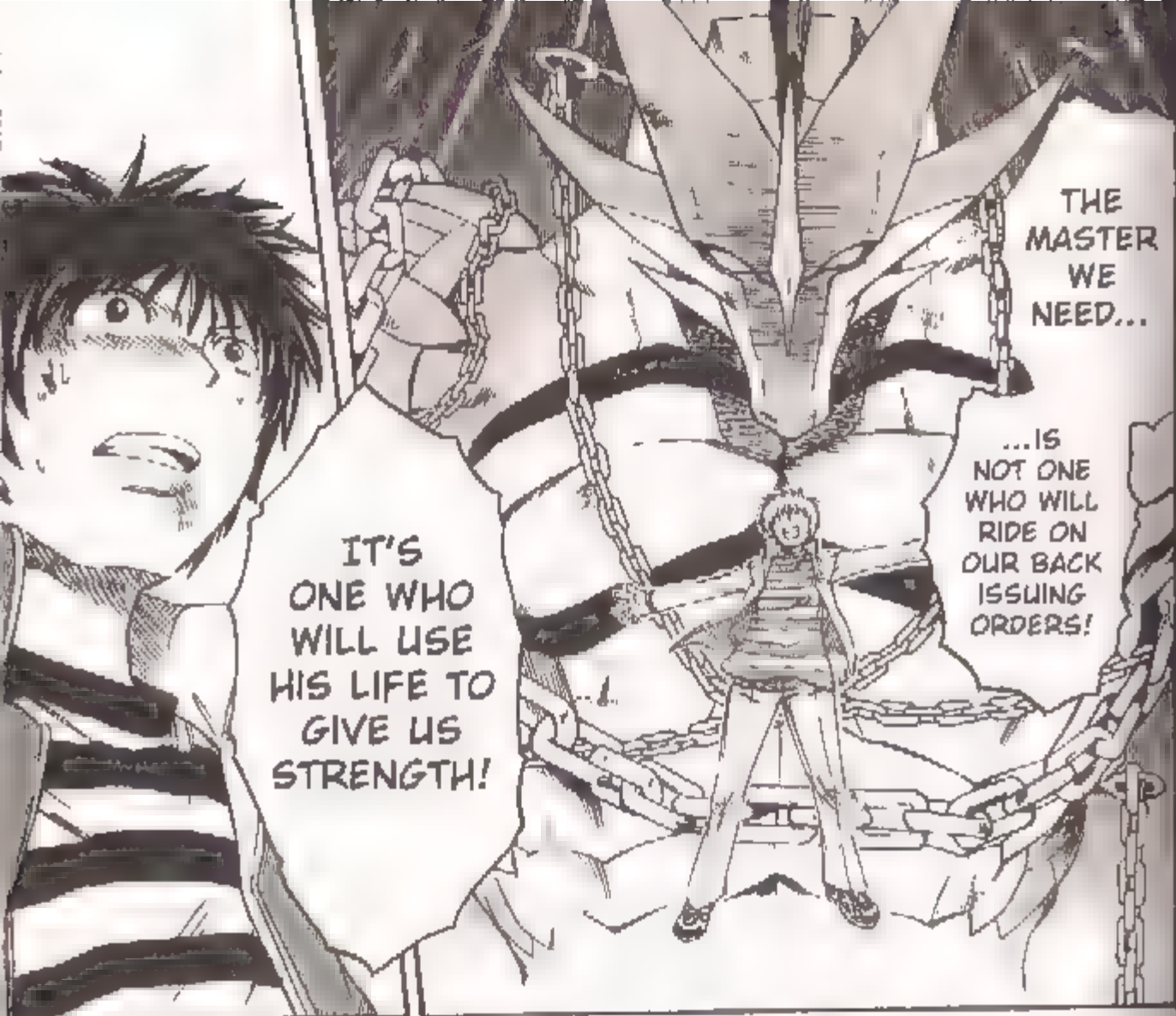
THE
SIDE OF
INSTINCT
...

...BECAME
THE
DRAGON
YOU THINK
OF AS
RAIKOO.



...WE
NEED A
MASSIVE
AMOUNT
OF LIFE
ENERGY!

TO
BECOME
ONE
AGAIN...



THE
MASTER
WE
NEED...

...IS
NOT ONE
WHO WILL
RIDE ON
OUR BACK
ISSUING
ORDERS!

IT'S
ONE WHO
WILL USE
HIS LIFE TO
GIVE US
STRENGTH!



...
TAKUMI
YUKINO?

WELL?
WHAT
WILL YOU
DO..

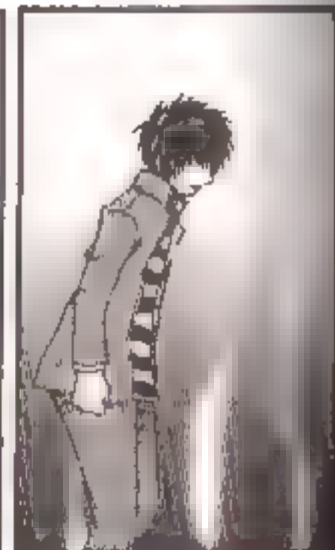


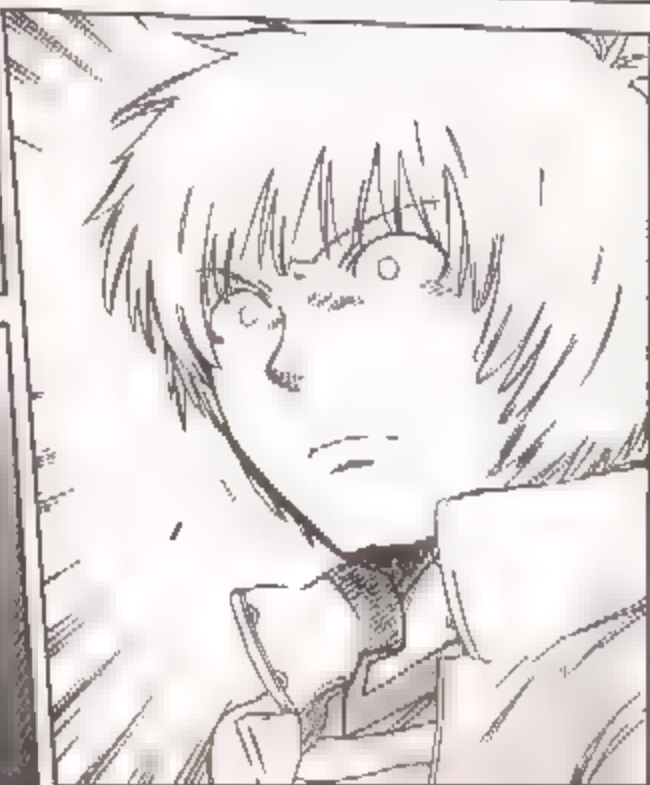
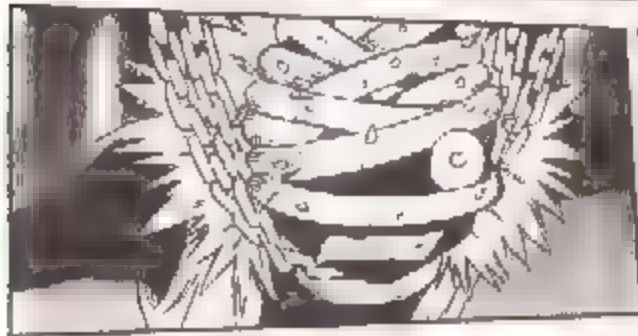
?!
..

THAT'S
IT?



HA
...







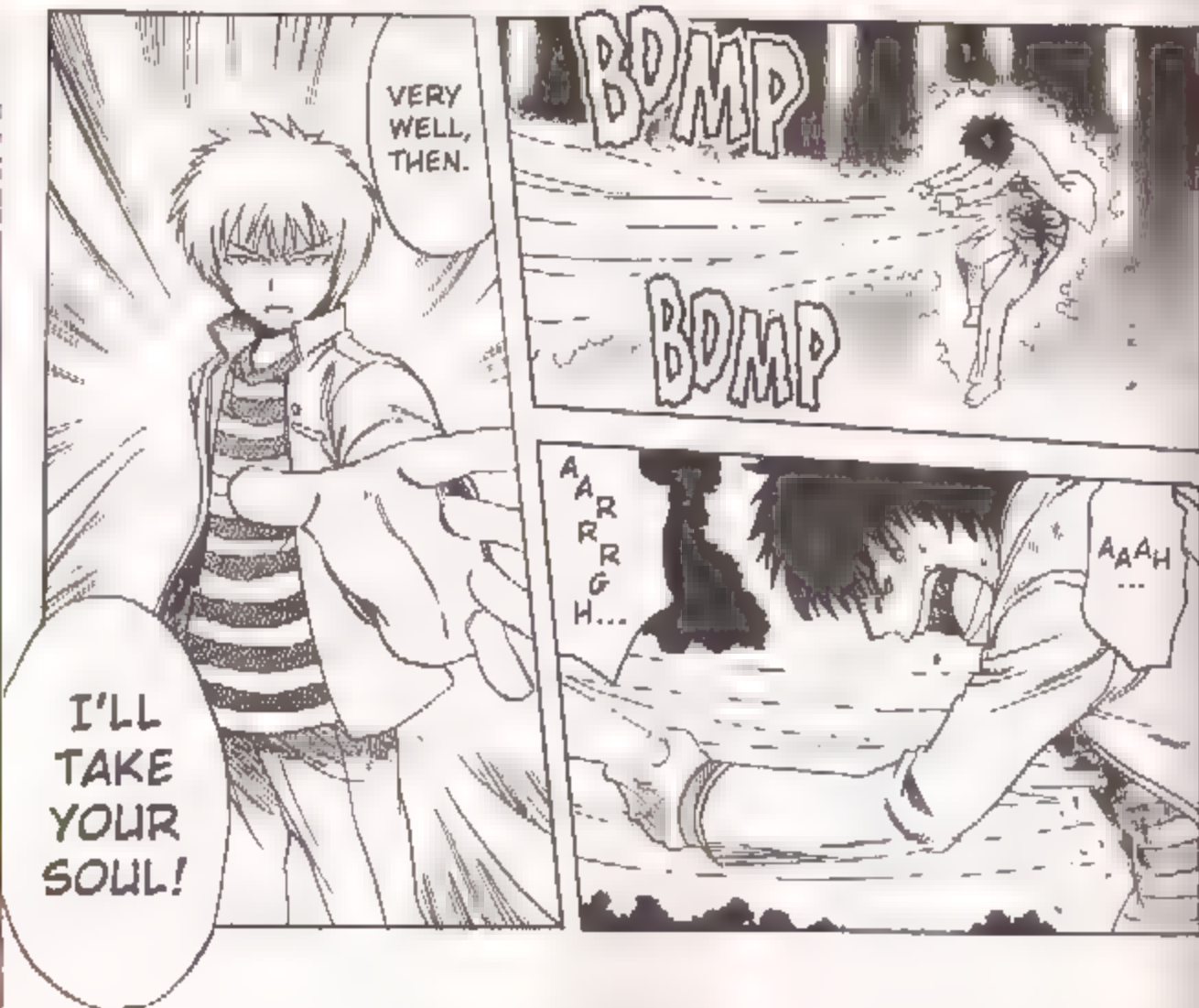
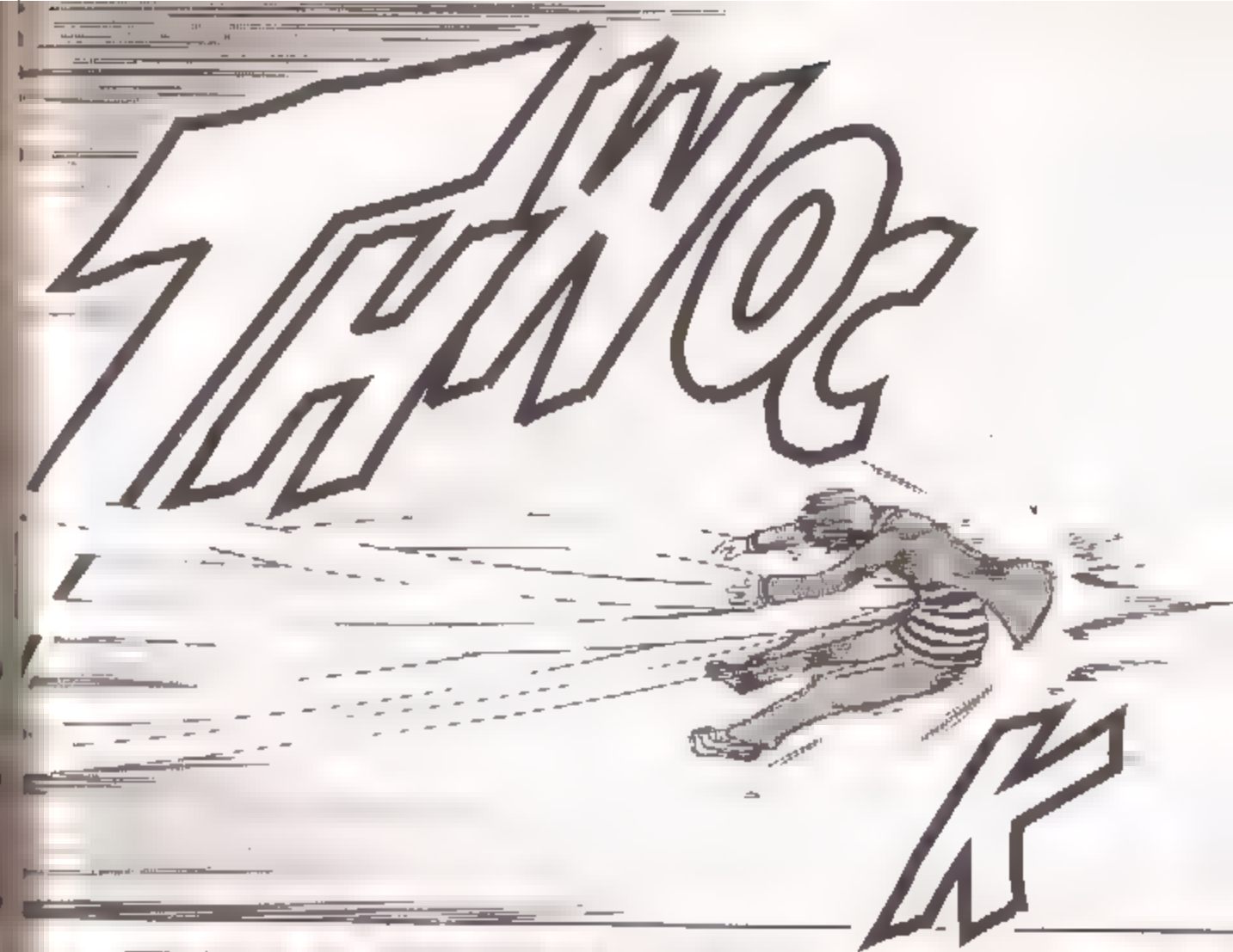
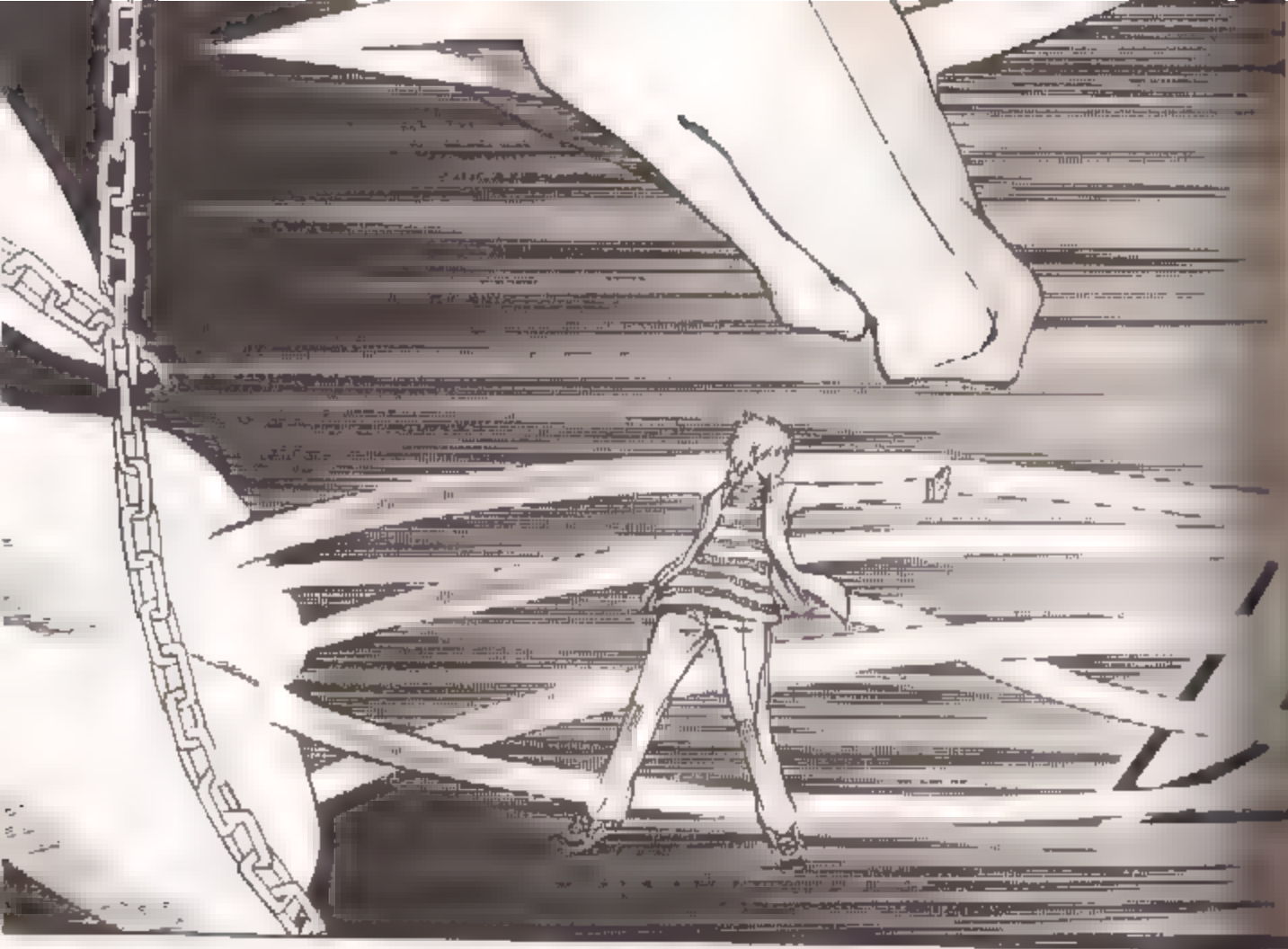
OKAY!

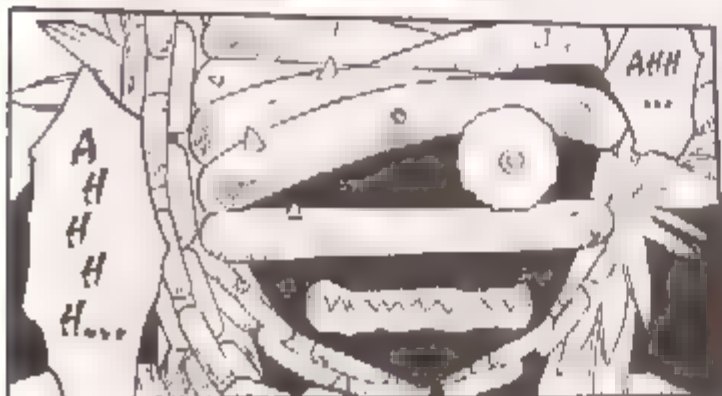
NO
PROBLEM,
RAIKOO.

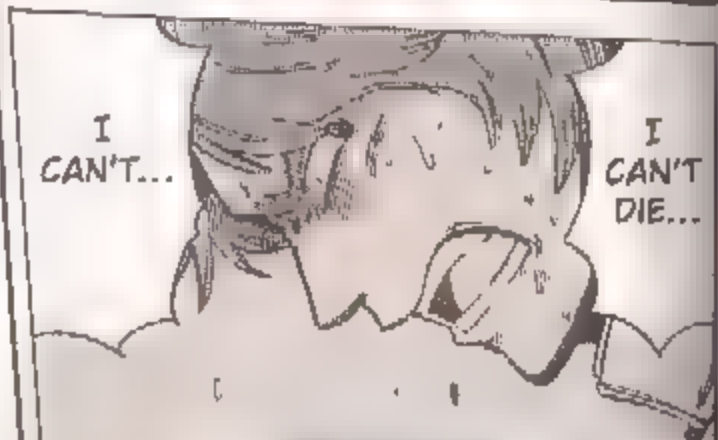
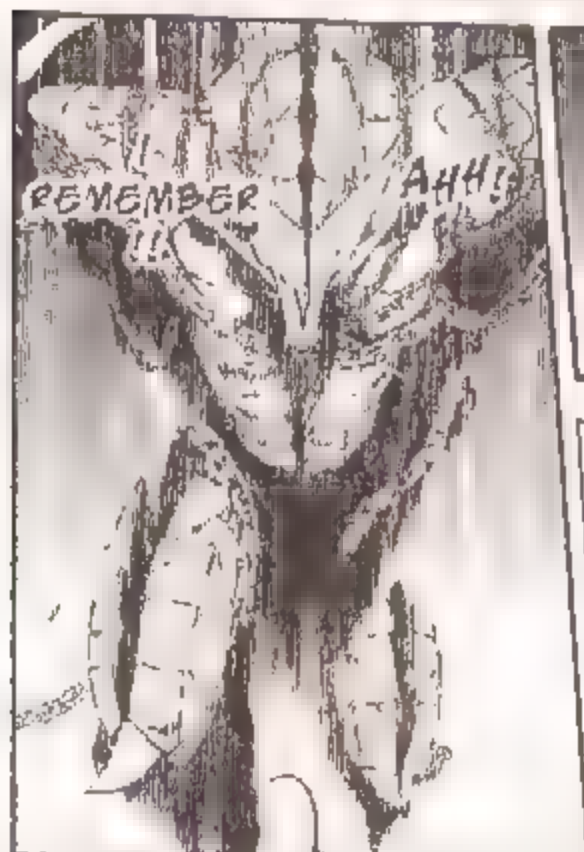
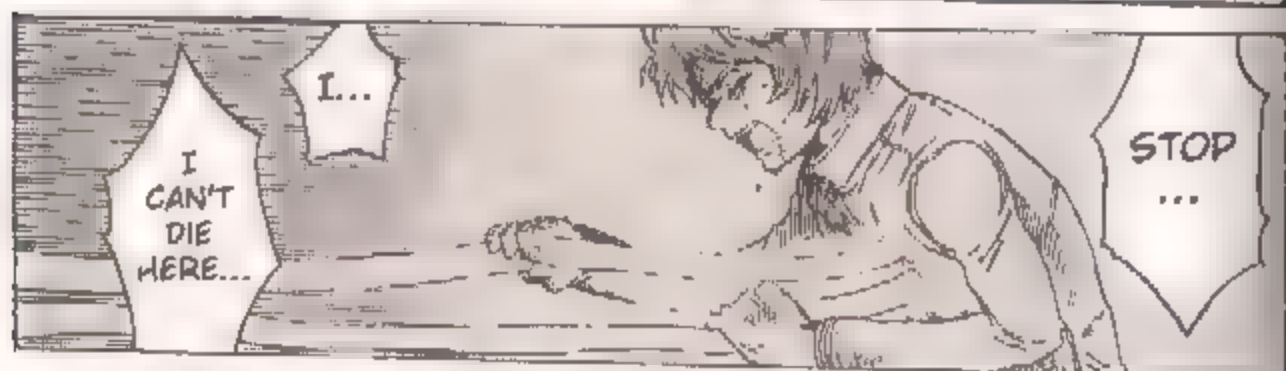
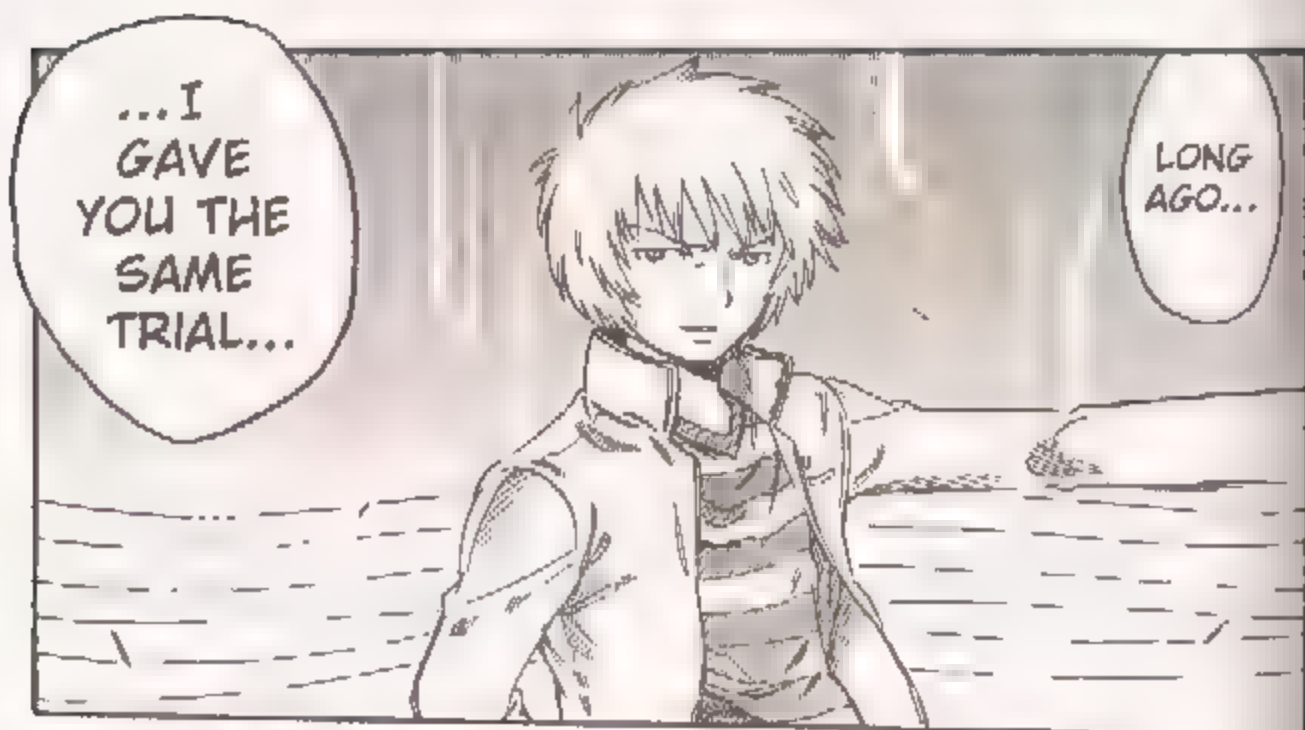


I'LL
GIVE
IT TO
YOU!

MY
LIFE
...









I'M
YOUR
ONLY
FAMILY.

I'LL
GET YOU
EVERYTHING
YOU WANT.

JUST
WATCH
ME.

I
REMEMBER
EVERY-
THING!



...IS ME.

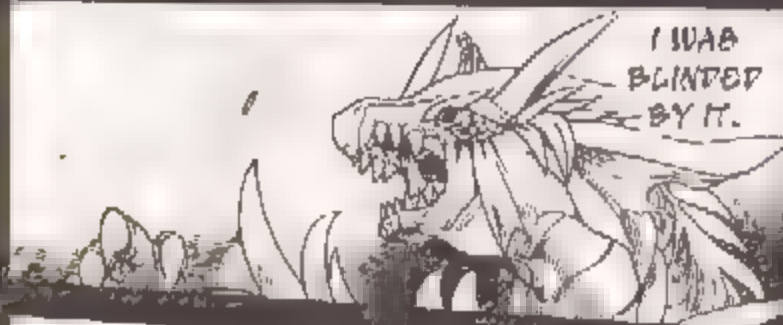
THE ONLY
ONE WHO CAN
MAKE YOU
HAPPY ..



MONEY,
GLORY
AND
SUCCESS...

WE'D
LIKE TO
HIRE YOU
AS A RI-ON
TEST
PLAYER.

YOUR
SKILL WITH
THE GAME
IS OUT-
STANDING.



I WAS
BLINDED
BY IT.

I'LL
GET IT
ALL WITH
DRAGON
DRIVE!



I WAS ON
TOP OF THE
WORLD.



IT FELT
GOOD.

...CAME
INTO MY
HANDS.



AND
EVERY-
THING I
WANTED



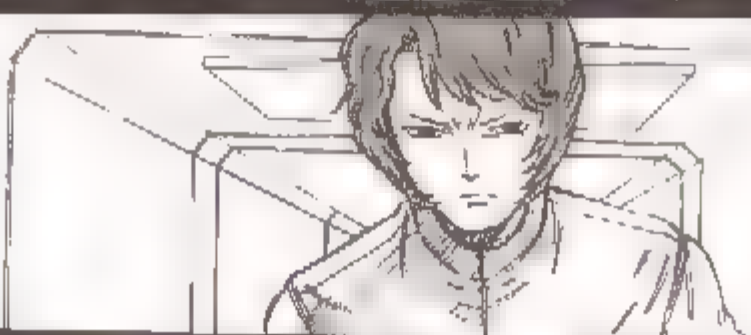
BIP
BIP



TAK
TAK

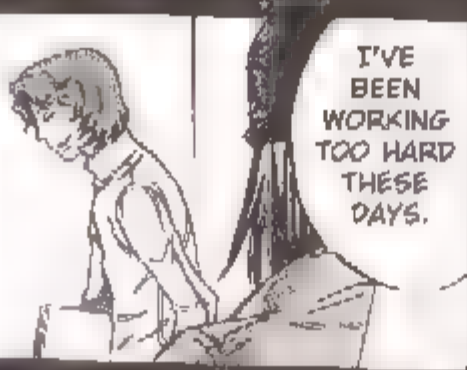
TAK
TAK

...I WAS
INVINCIBLE.



I
THOUGHT...

EVEN
HEROES
NEED A
REST.



I'VE
BEEN
WORKING
TOO HARD
THESE
DAYS.

HEARD
YOU GOT
TAKEN OFF
THE RIKYU
INVASION
TEAM.

YO,
TETSUYA.



U
M
P
H.





HEROES
...

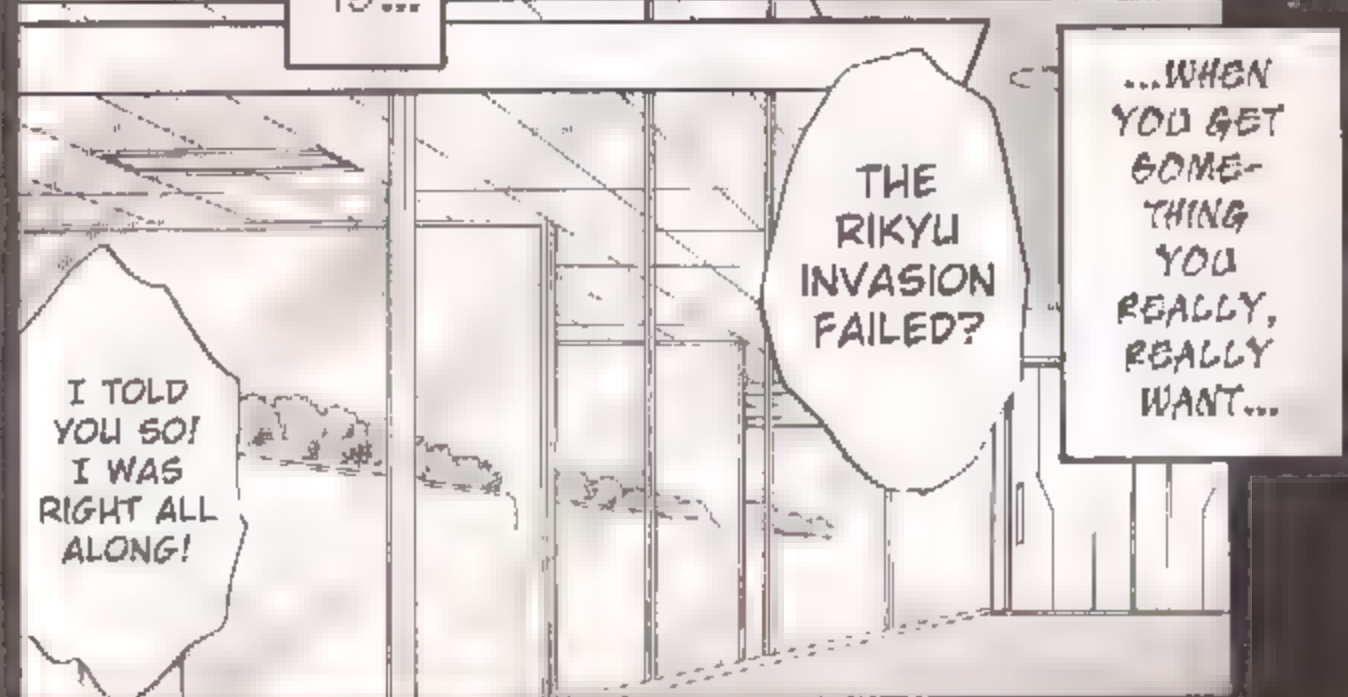
...JUST
NEED TO
PICK UP
A SWORD
AND
FIGHT.



YOU
HAVE NO
RIGHT
TO BE
PLAYING
THIS
GAME.

THE
THING
IS...

YOU'VE
GOT TOO
MUCH
BAGGAGE,
DUDE.



I TOLD
YOU SO!
I WAS
RIGHT ALL
ALONG!

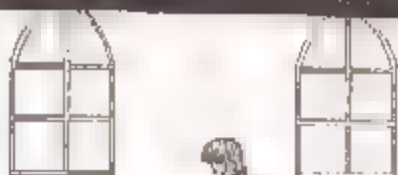
THE
RIKYU
INVASION
FAILED?

...WHEN
YOU GET
SOME-
THING
YOU
REALLY,
REALLY
WANT...

...AND
JOIN THE
RI-IN
PROJECT.

STAY
WITH
US...

...IT'S
HARD TO
LET IT
GO.



Tetsuya--
Let's go
to the zoo
on Sunday.

RAIKOO
HAS BEEN
ENTOMBED
ALONG
WITH THE
D-MASTER!

VR
R
R
M

WE'VE
GOT
TROUBLE
IN
SECTOR
FOUR!

VR
R
R
M



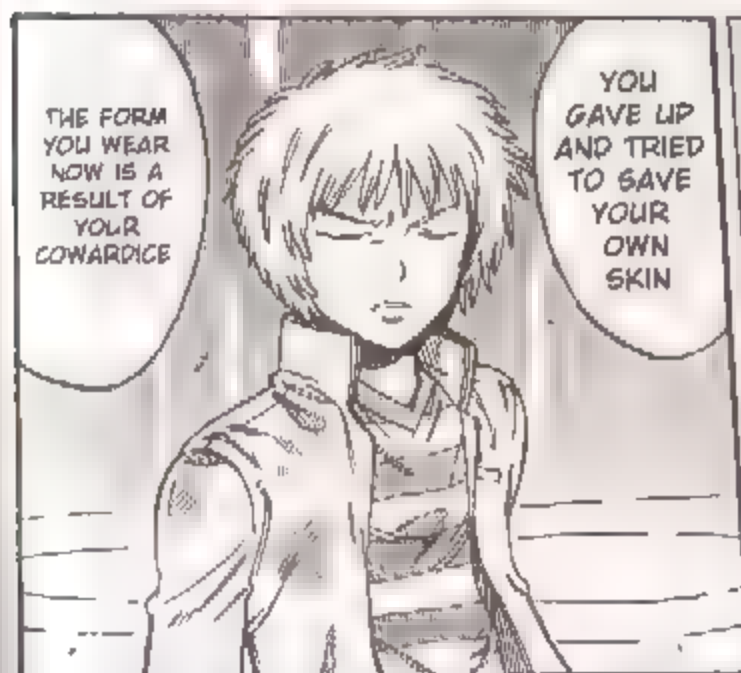
I DIDN'T
REALIZE
I WAS
LOSING
WHAT
REALLY
MATTERED.





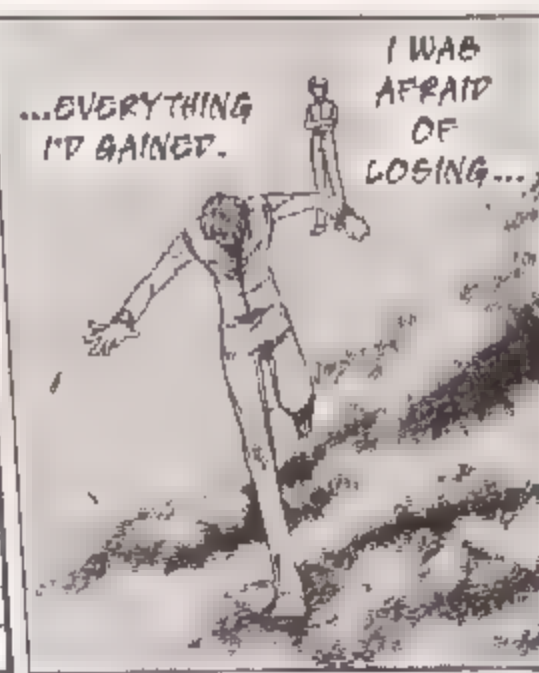
...I GOT
SCARED
AND
RAN.

YES...
BACK
THEN...



THE FORM
YOU WEAR
NOW IS A
RESULT OF
YOUR
COWARDICE

YOU
GAVE UP
AND TRIED
TO SAVE
YOUR
OWN SKIN



...EVERYTHING
I'D GAINED.

I WAS
AFRAID
OF
LOSING...

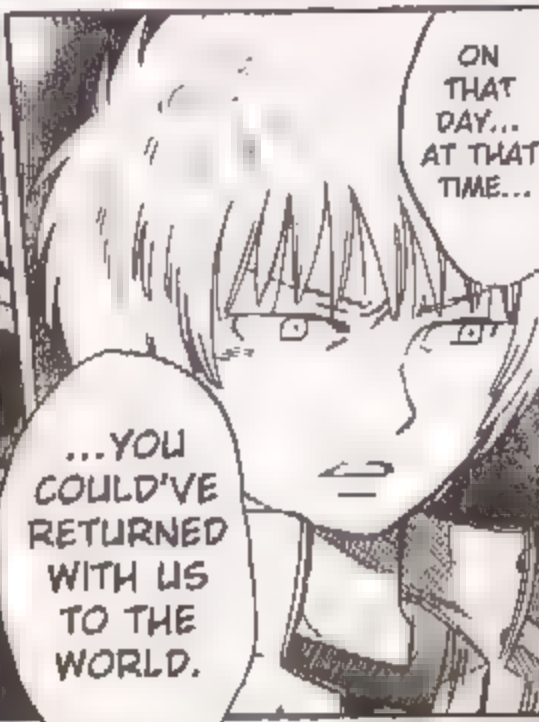


RAIKOO
IS
INJURED
TOO
BADLY.

BUT IT
CAN'T
HAPPEN
NOW.



WHAT
?



ON
THAT
DAY...
AT THAT
TIME...

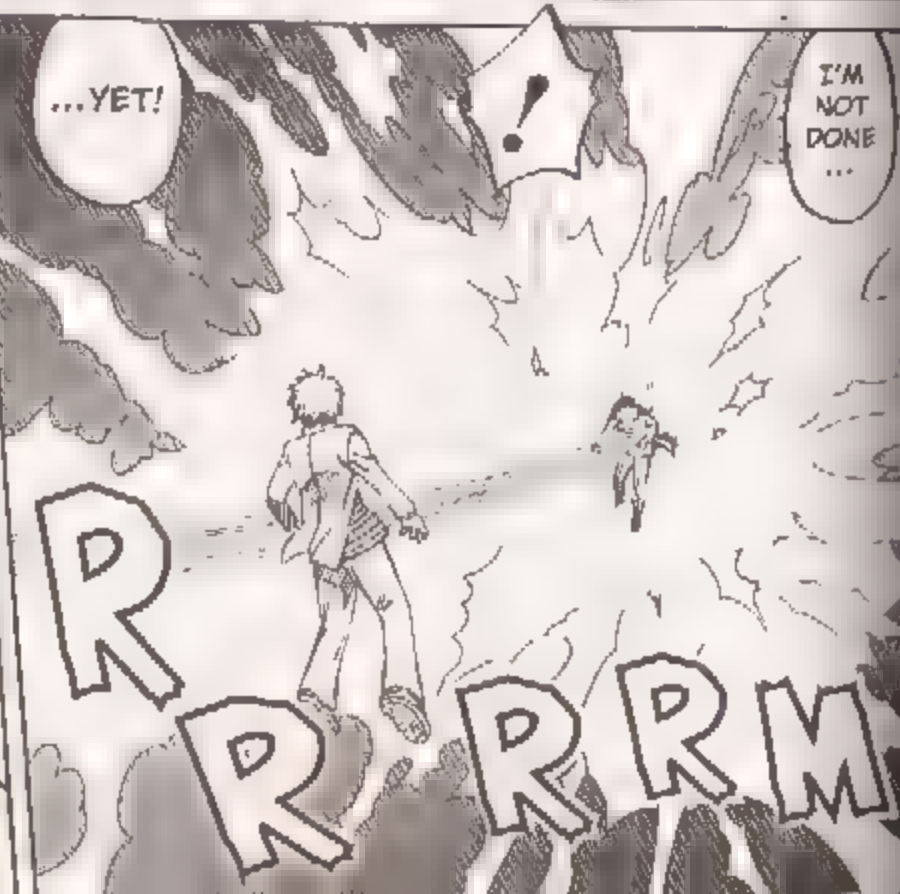
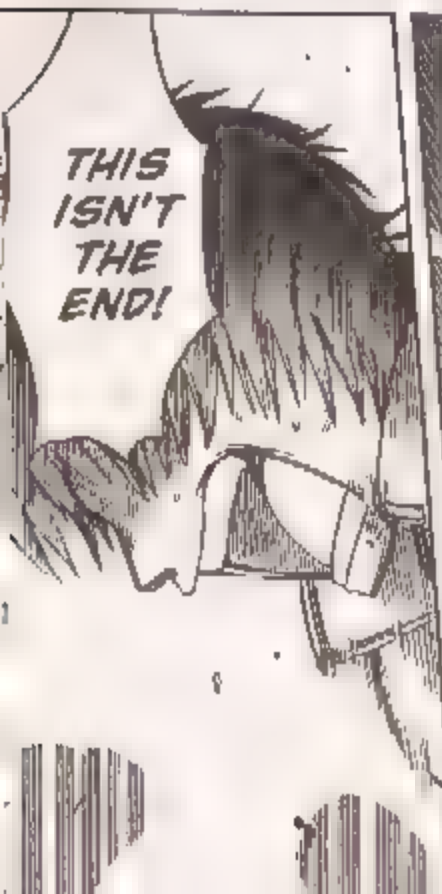
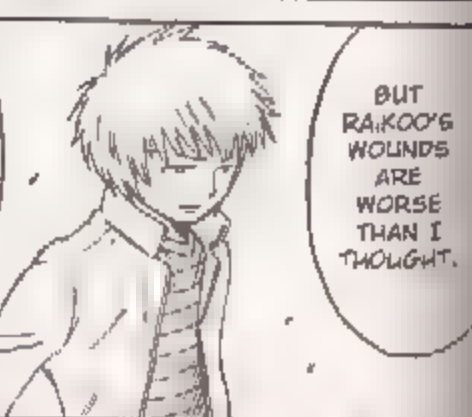
...YOU
COULD'VE
RETURNED
WITH US
TO THE
WORLD.



...WE
HAVE TO
SACRIFICE
THE SOUL
OF TAKUMI
YUKINO.



MAYBE
TAKUMI
ISN'T
ENOUGH...

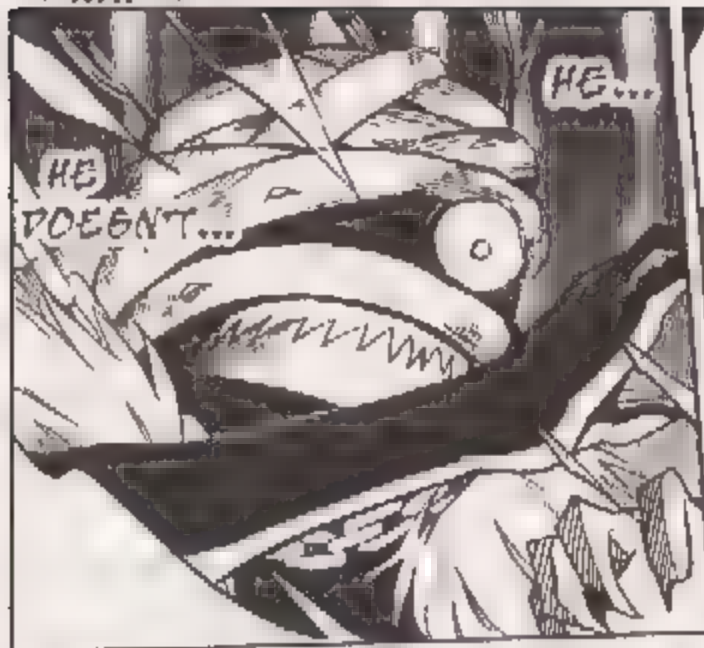


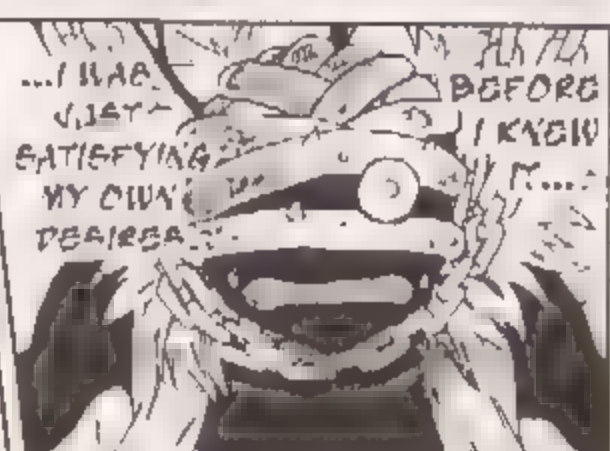
I'M
NOT
DONE
...

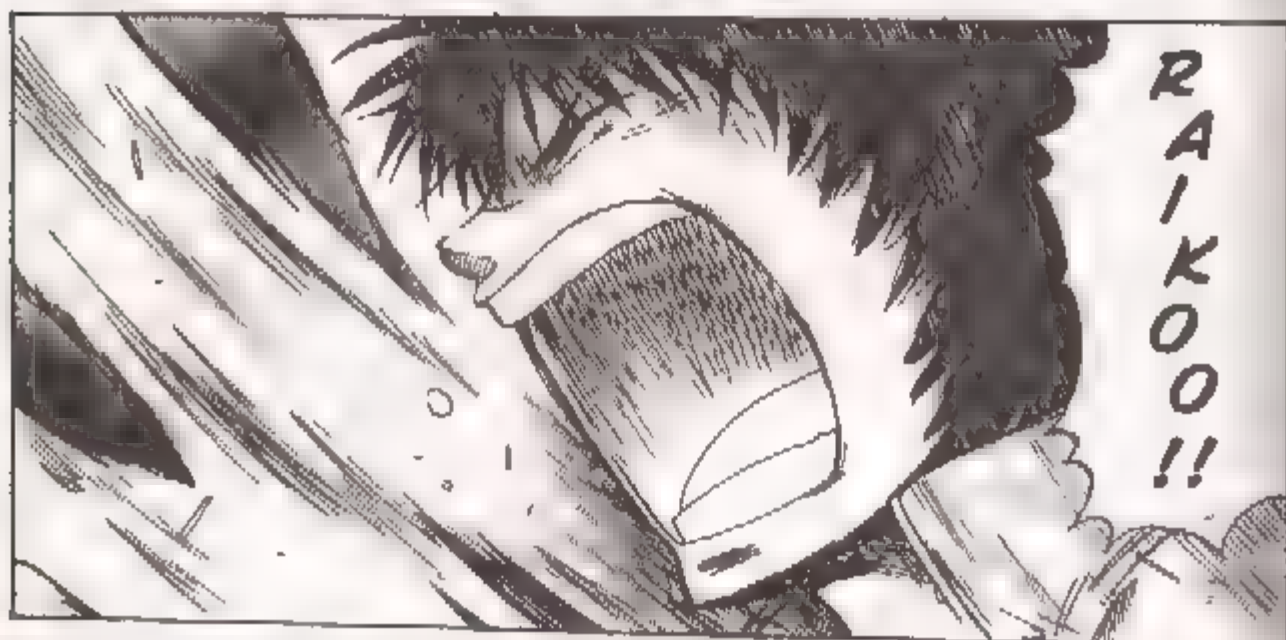
...TO
GIVE
TO
RAIKOO
!!

I
HAVE
A LOT
MORE
THAN
THIS...









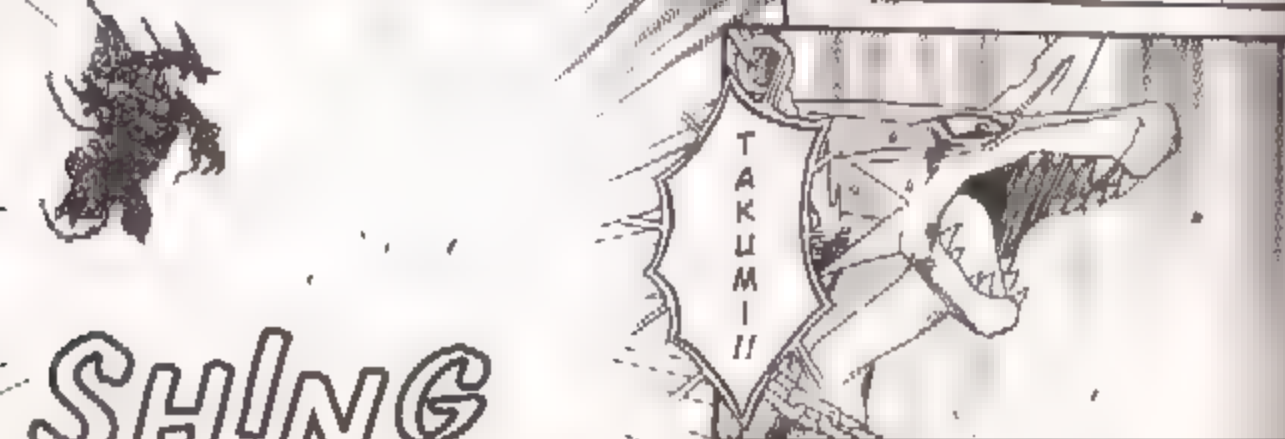
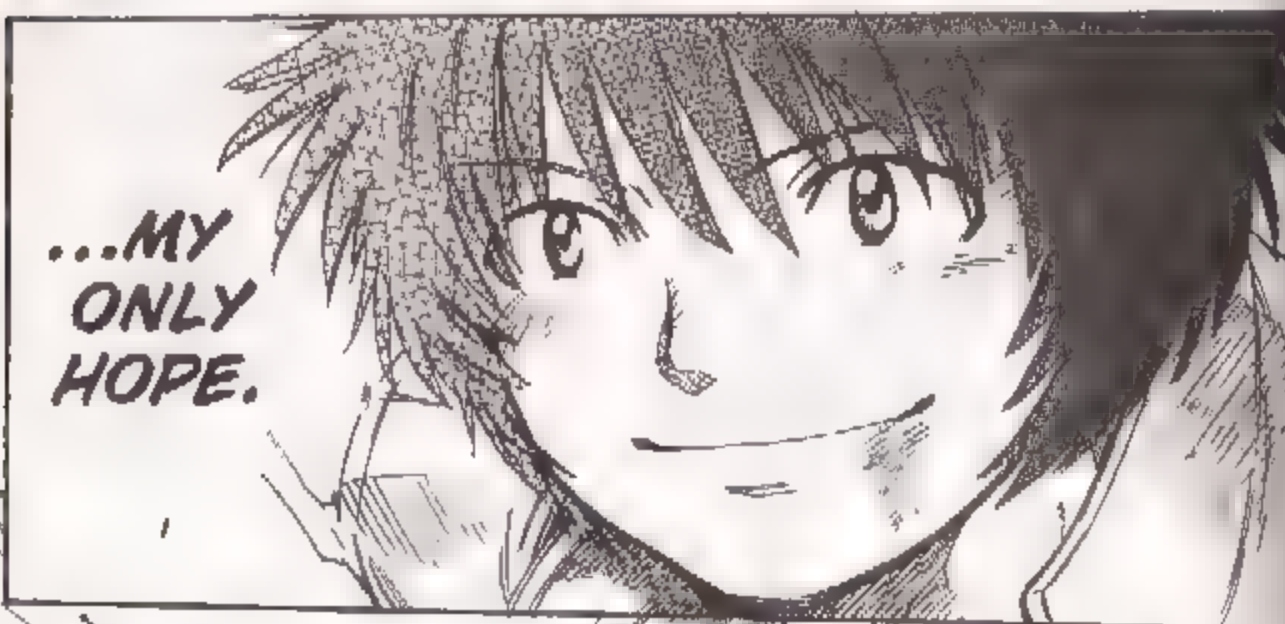
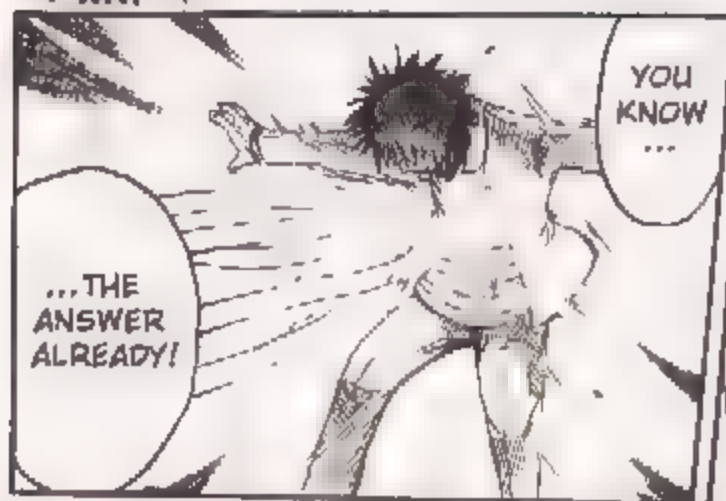


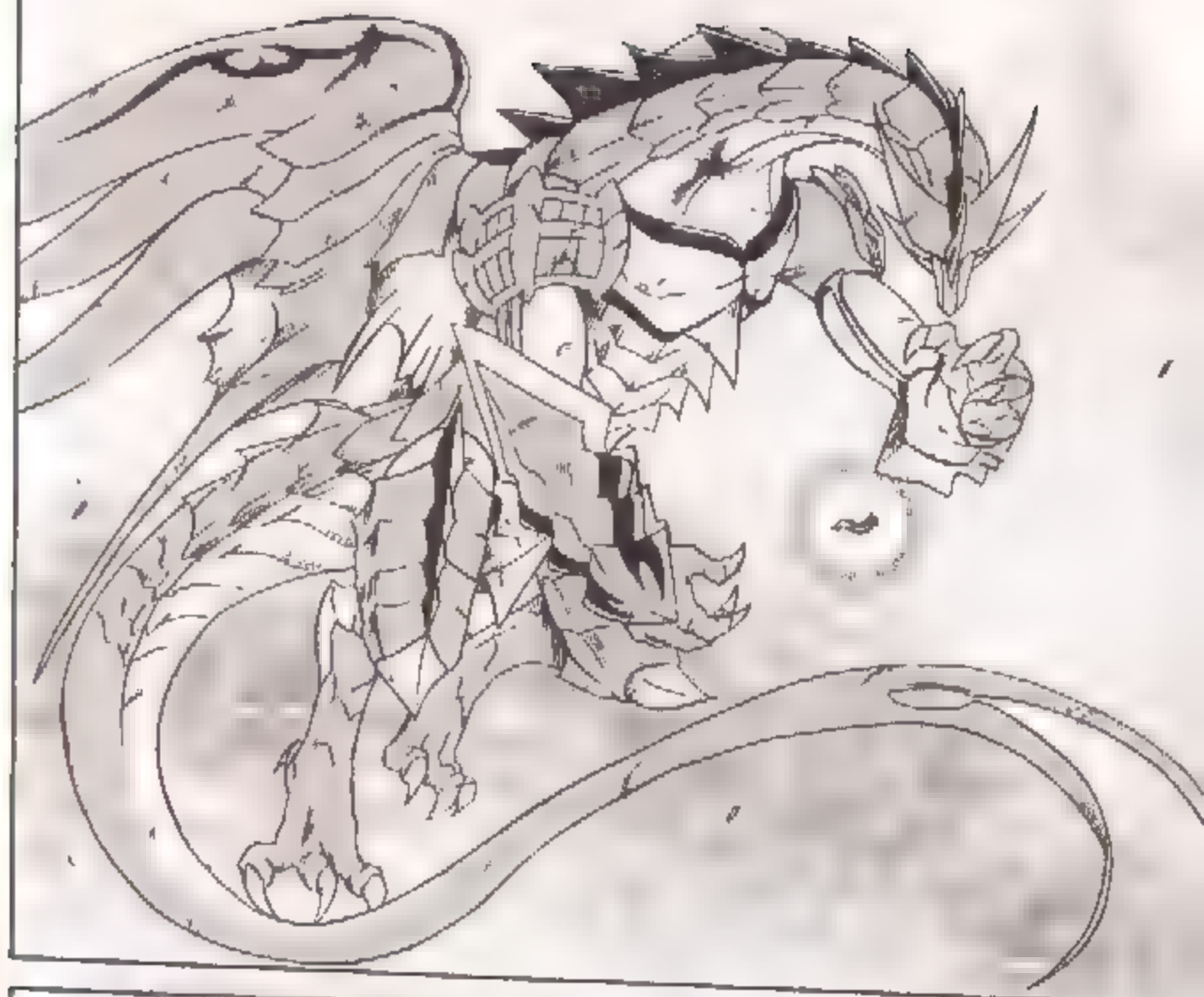
TRUE
EYE!!
STOP
THIS
IMMEDI-
ATELY
!!



I DON'T
WANT TO
CONSUME
TAKUMI'S
SOUL!!

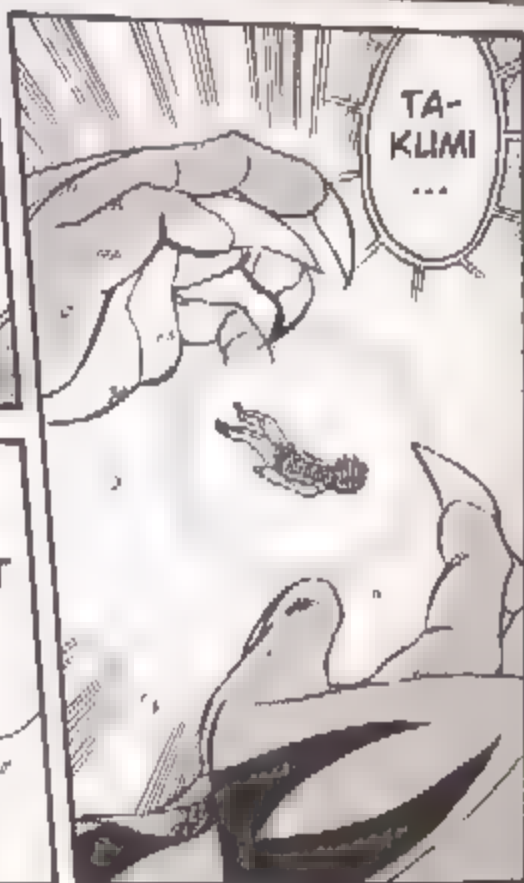
ROO
A
R





...CAN
YOU STILL
DOUBT
THAT TAKUMI
IS OUR
MASTER?

TRUE
BYE, MY
BROTHER
...



TA-
KUMI
...



HE IS
WORTHY
OF BEING
THE TRUE
MASTER.

I
ADMIT
IT.

THEN
WE SHALL
USE OUR
POWERS
AS HE
DESIRES.

TAKE
HIS SOUL
AND WE'LL
REGAIN
OUR TRUE
FORM.

I'M TOO
STUBBORN
TO BE AS
DEVOTED
AS YOU
TWO.

MY
BROTHER...
I AM GLAD
YOU AND
THE MASTER
MET EACH
OTHER.

I'M SO
HAPPY
...

TAKUMI
WOULD'VE
OPENED
YOUR
HEART
TOO.

THAT'S
NOT
TRUE.

...TO
HEAR
THAT
...

I FELT
YOU
RESPOND
TO HIM.

THAT'S
THE WAY
OUR
MASTER
IS.

THANK
I THANK
YOU,
YEAH.
TAKUMI.
TAKUMI.

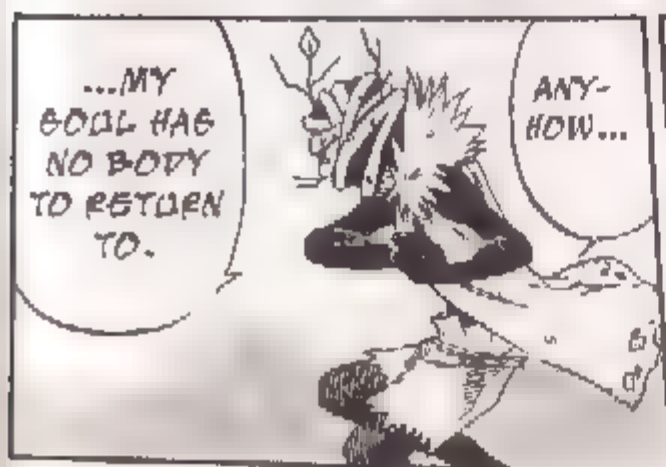
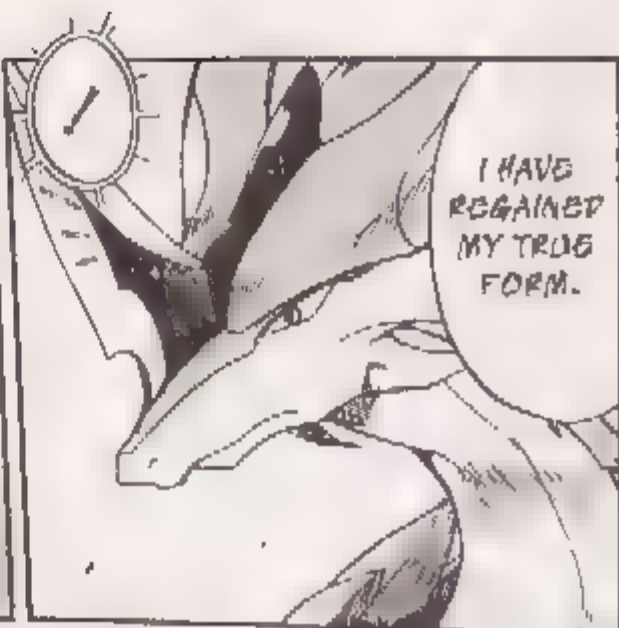
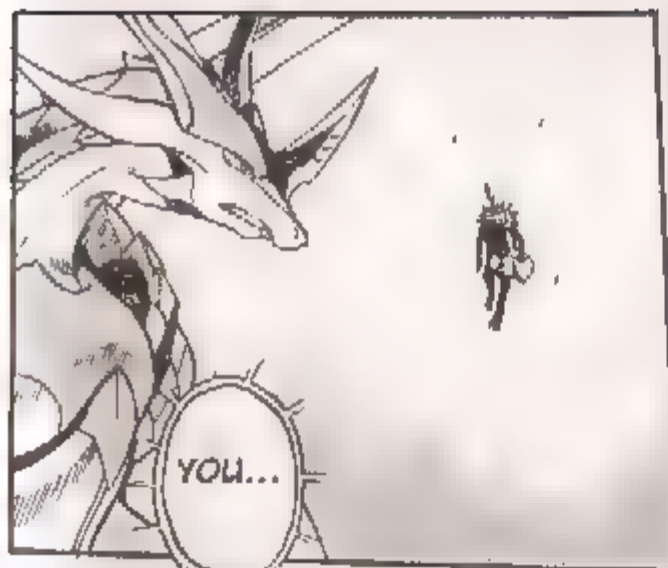
Light-
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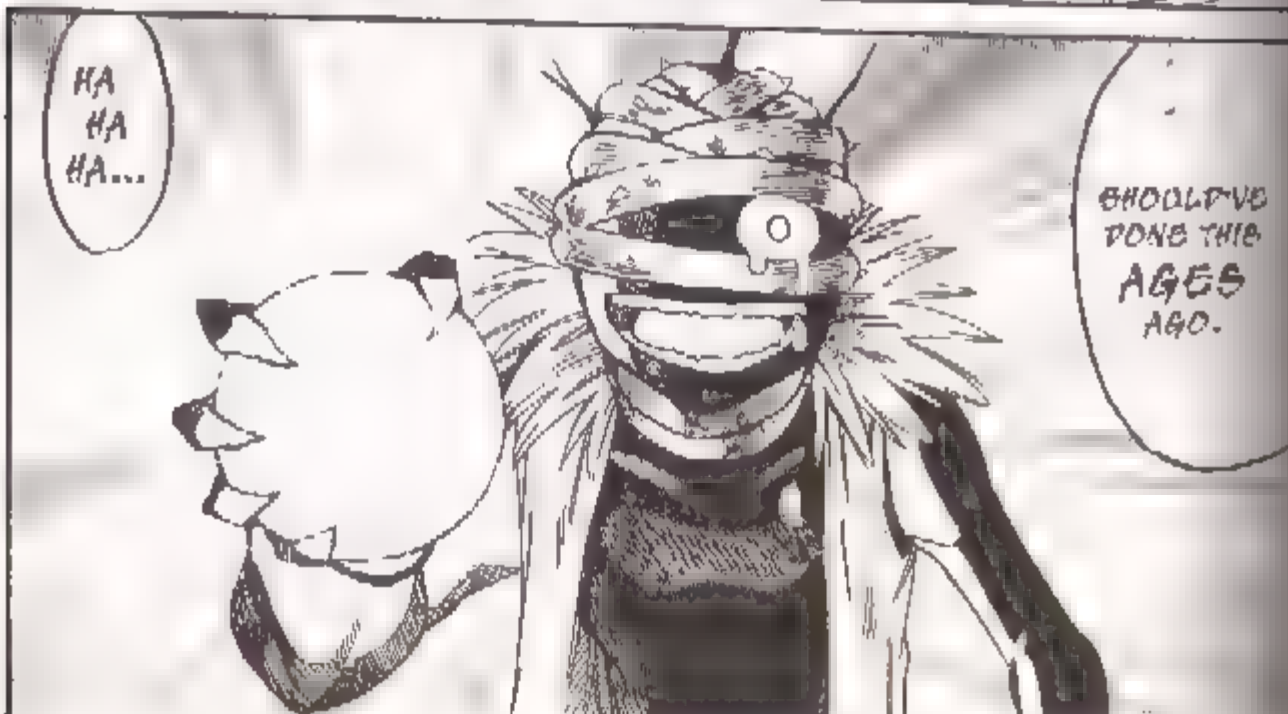
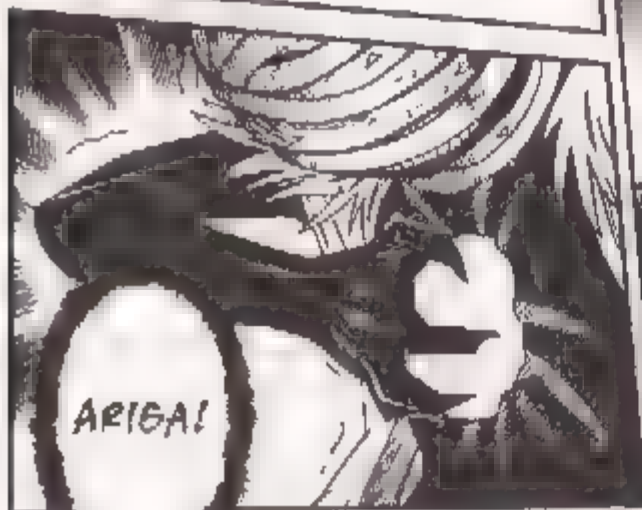
Raikoo Idea

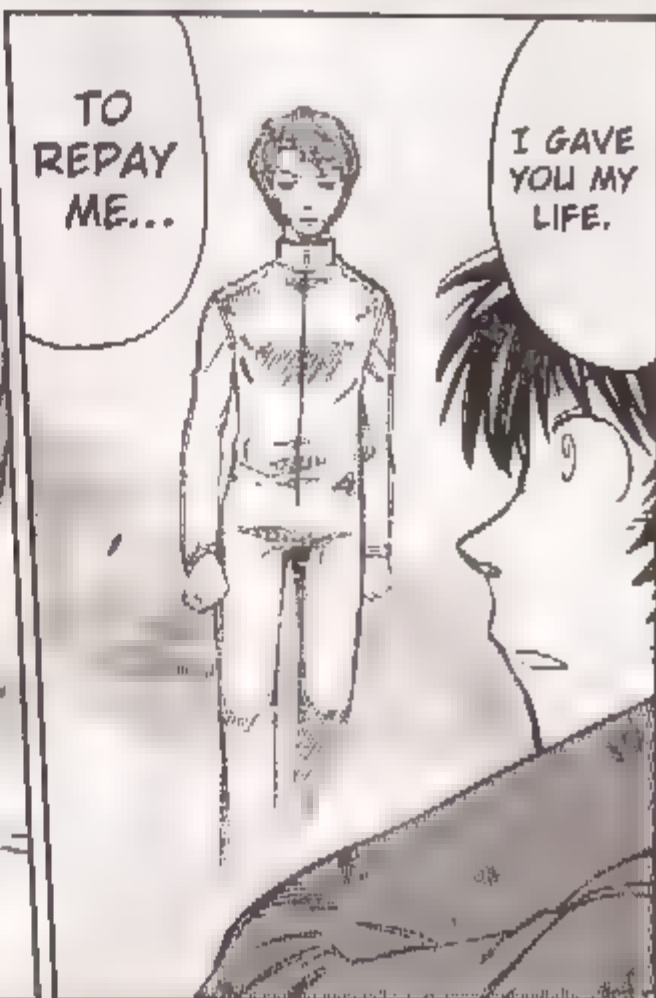
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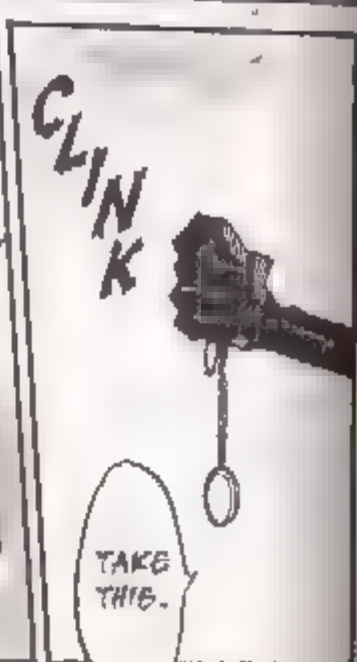
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Pen





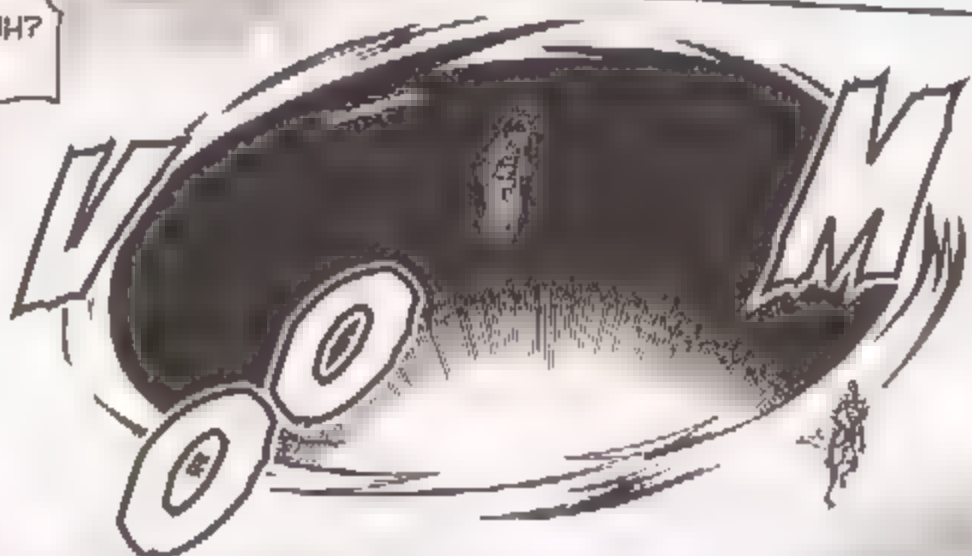






TELL
HER, "I'M
SORRY I
COULDN'T
KEEP MY
PROMISE
ON
SUNDAY."

HUH?



NOW
GET
GOING!

BUG!



DON'T
FORGET.



SHOOO



WAAH!



RAI-
KOO
!!



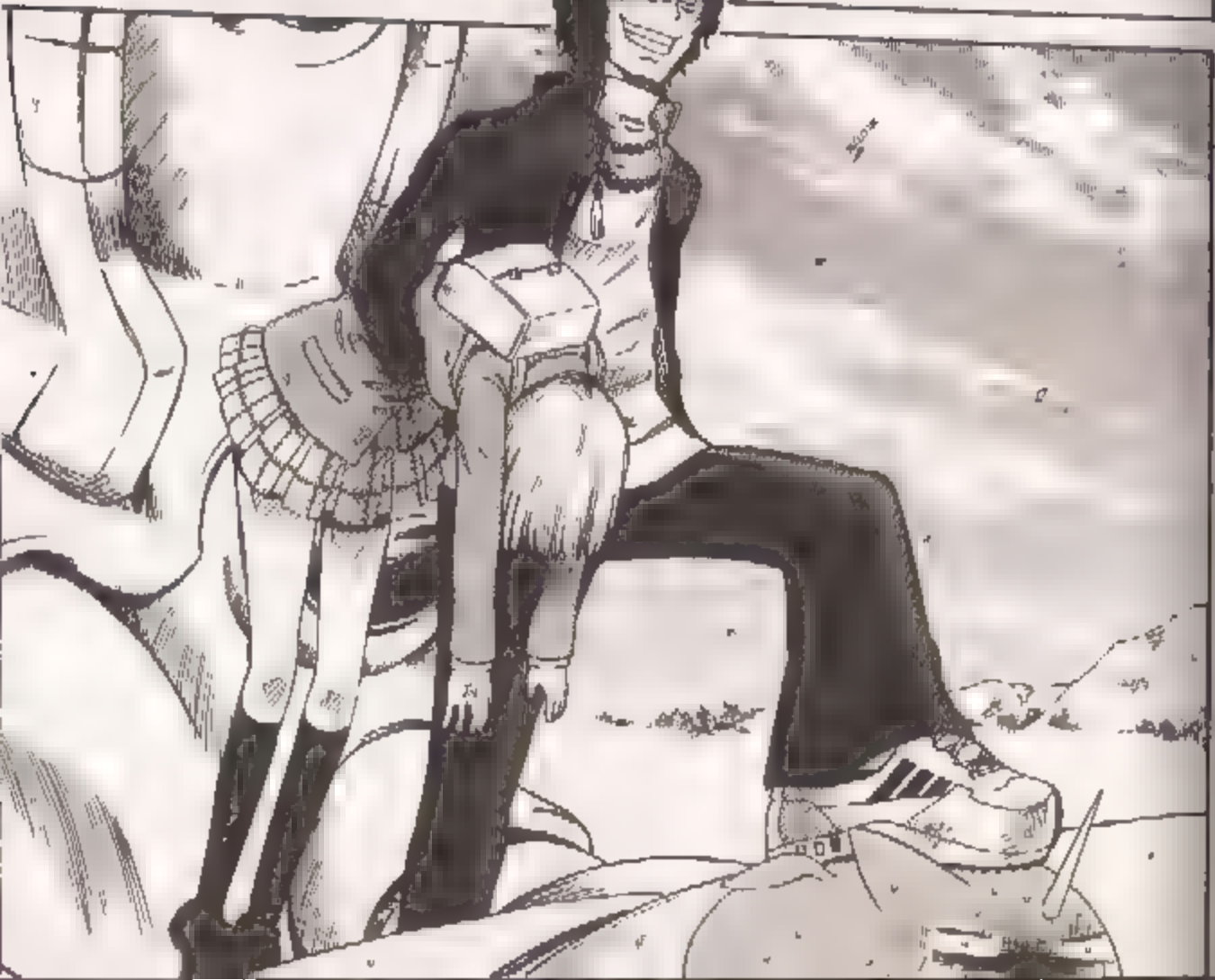
BACK
TO THE
WORLD
WHERE
EVERY-
ONE'S
WAITING
FOR
JES!!

LET'S
GO!



YEAH!







HUH?

I ENJOYED
DRAWING
TAKUMI WITH A
SCARY FACE.



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Somewhere in the
mountains of Tohoku...

THAT
LIGHT...

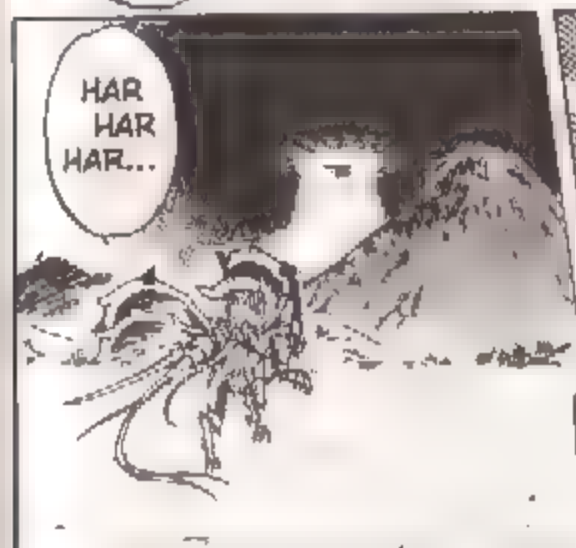
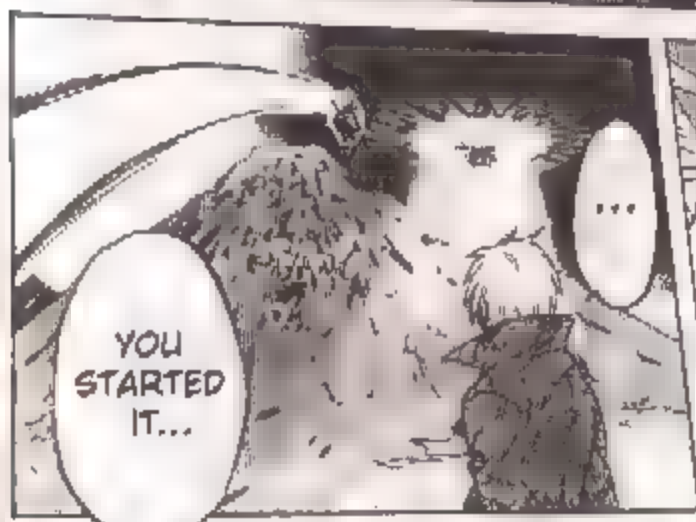
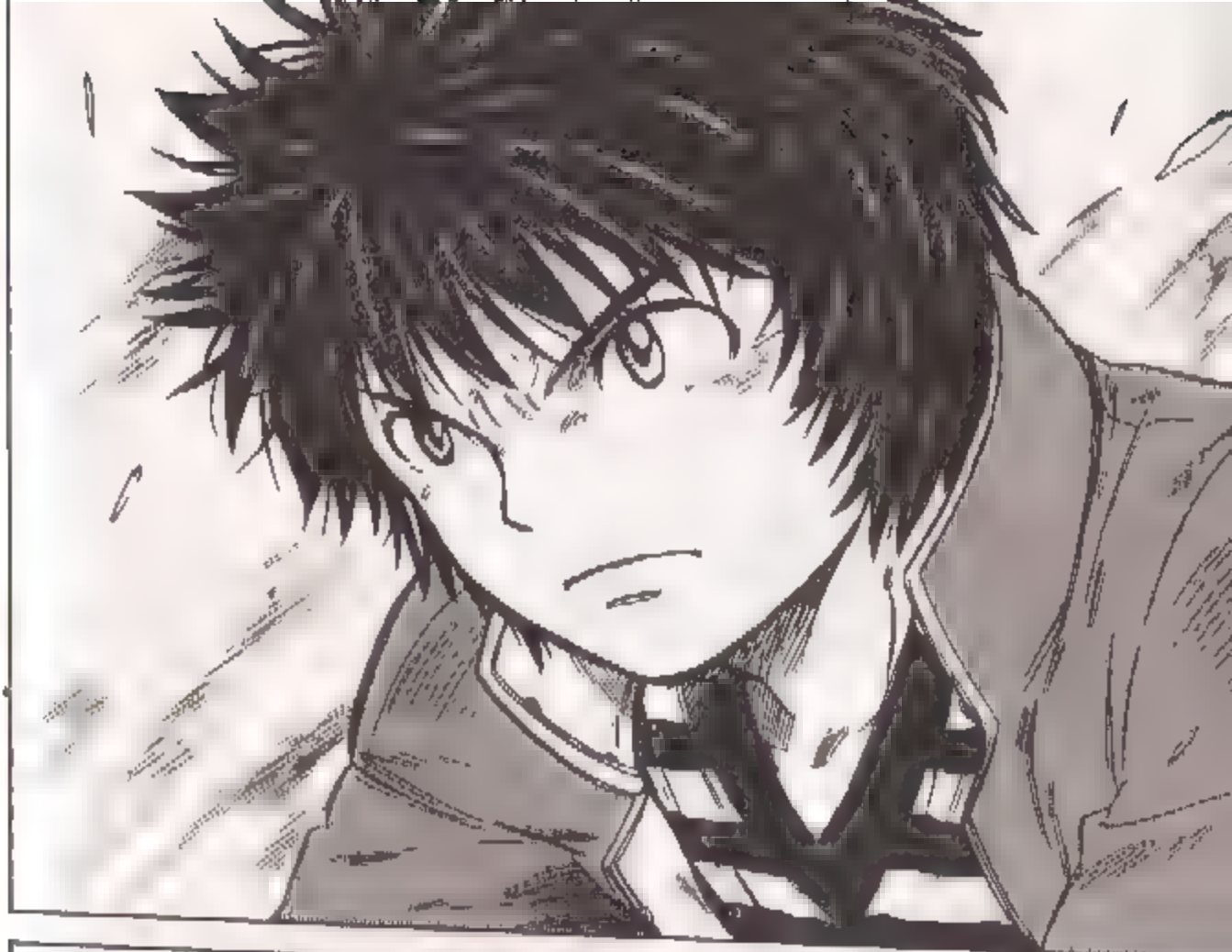
R R R R R M

18th turn Counterattack

IT'S
HIM!!

!!!







The peak of
Mount Fuji...

HE'S
LATE!!

WHERE
THE
DING-
DONG DID
THAT
IDIOT
GO?

WE
HAVEN'T
HEARD
A PEEP
OUTTA
HIM!

THWACK

THAT
DANG
TA-
KUMI!

AS
FAR AS
RI-IN
IS
CON-
CERNED
...

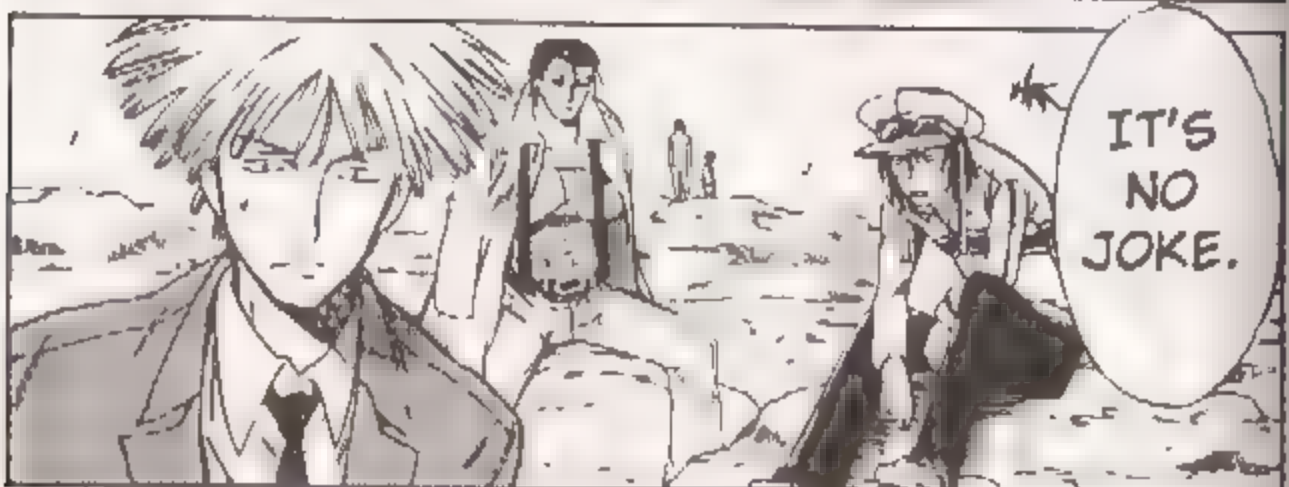
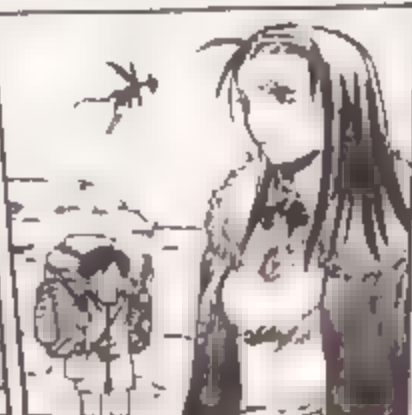
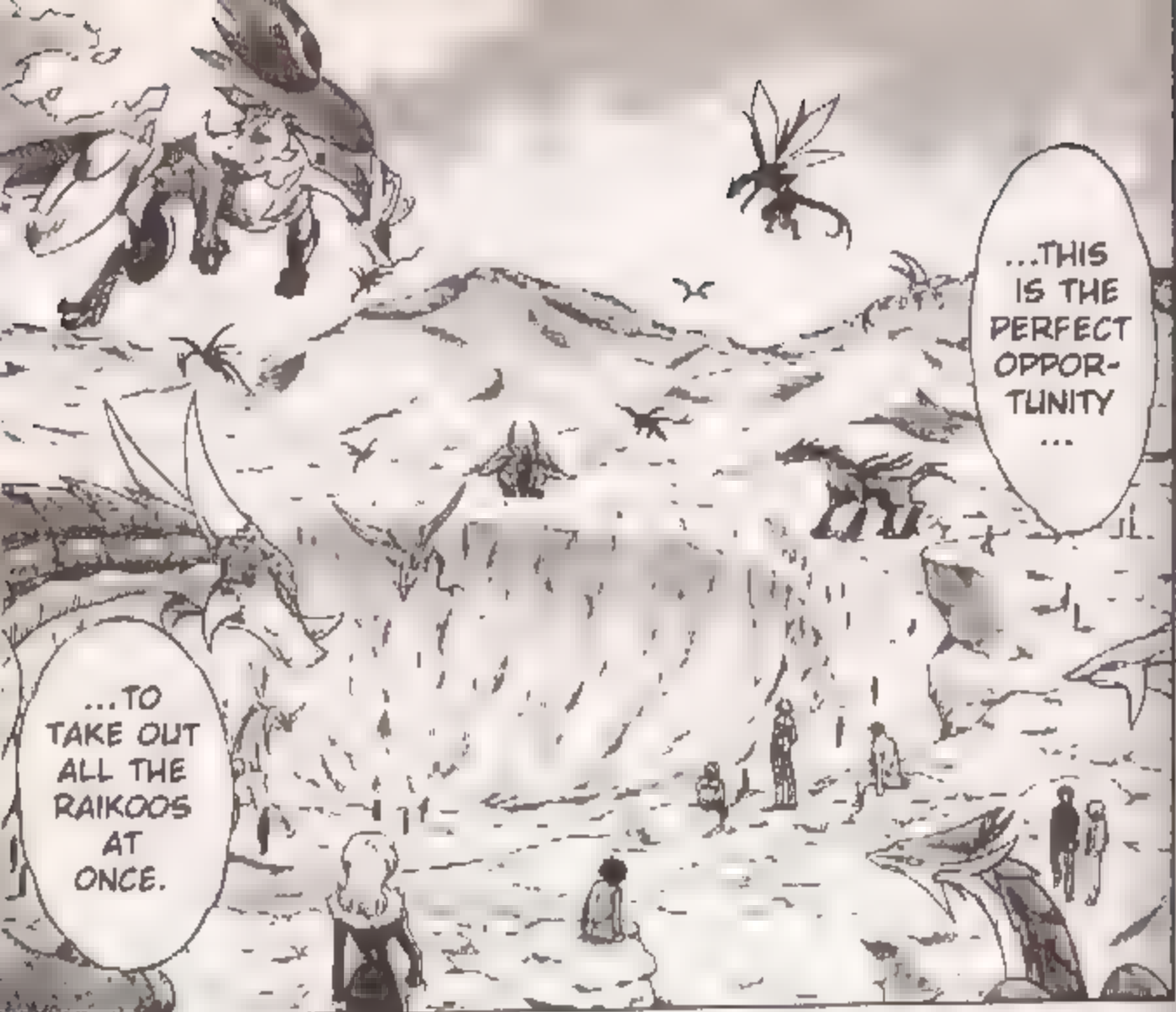
ANYWAY,
WE CAN'T
WAIT
AROUND
HERE
FOREVER.

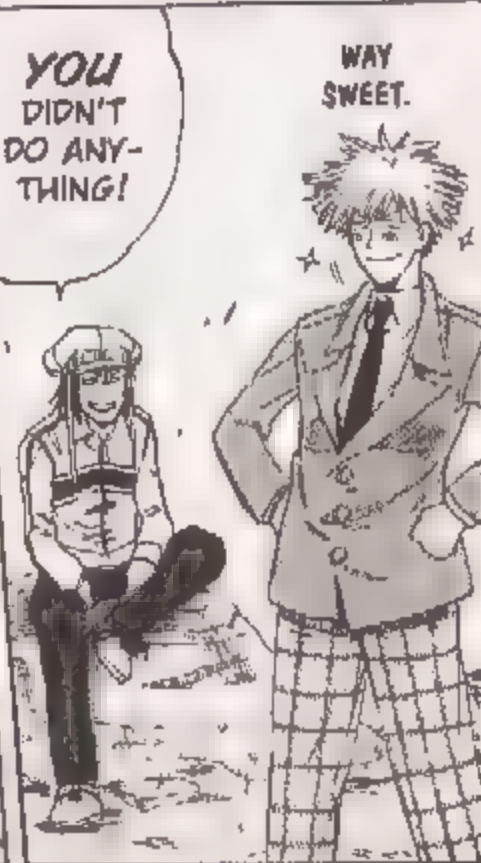
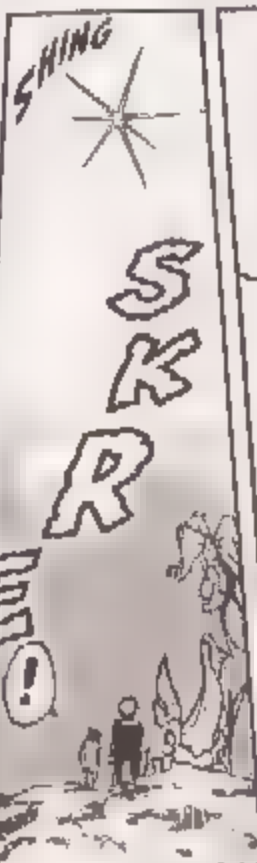
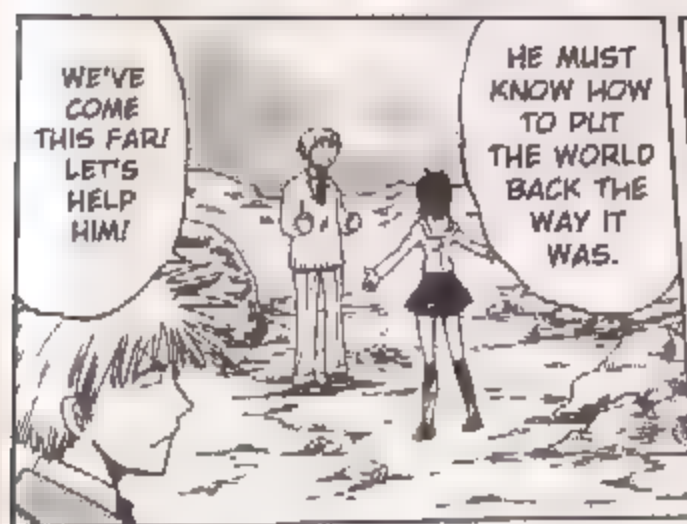
TAKUMI'S
NOT LIKE
THAT!
SOMETHING
MUST'VE
COME UP...

SHUT
YOUR
MOUTH
!!

MAYBE
HE GOT
SCARED
AND RAN
FOR
IT...

ARE YOU
ATTACKING
HIM OR
DEFENDING
HIM?

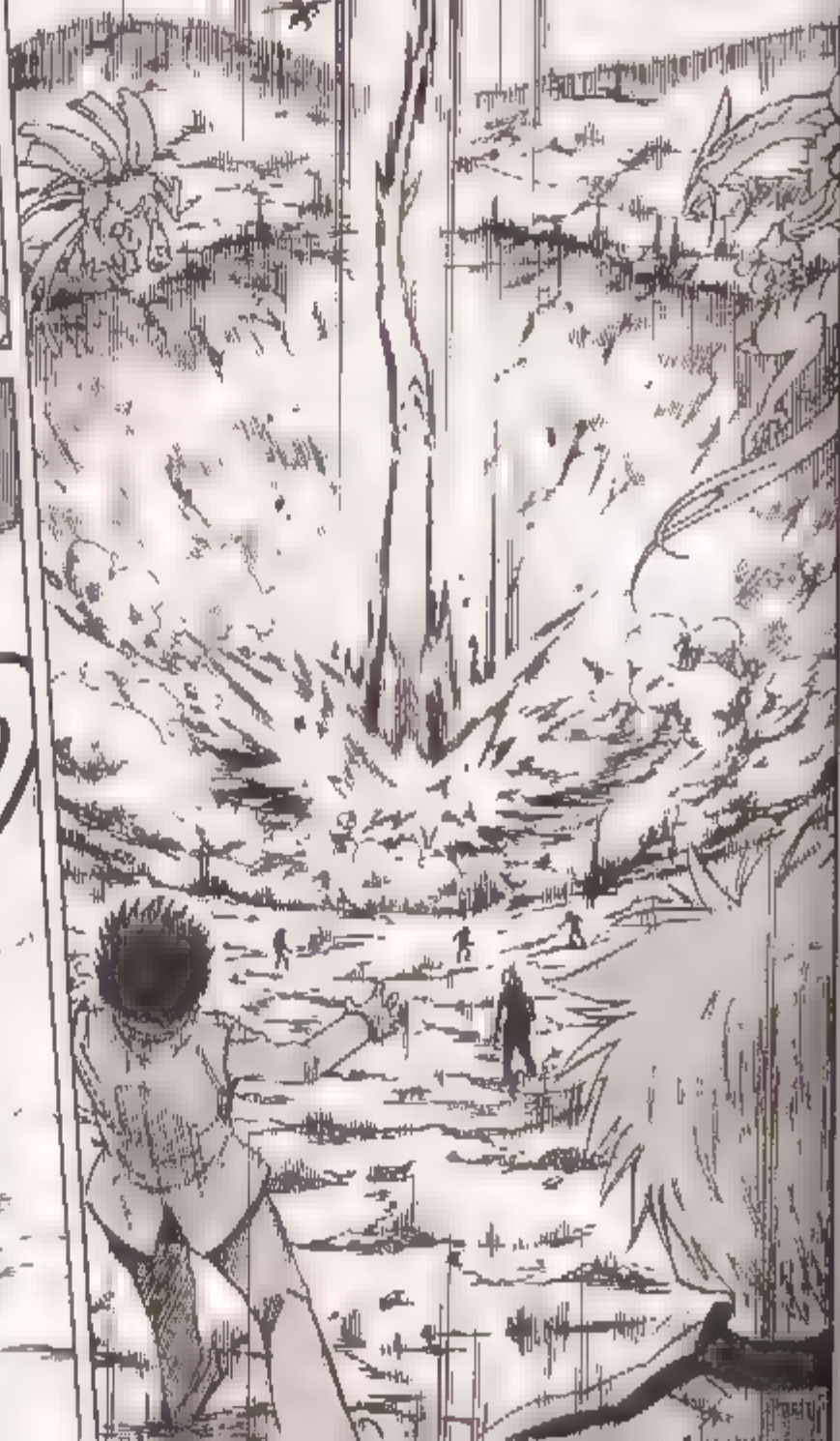






KEP

BOOM





I'M
GOING
TO OPEN
A GATE
BETWEEN
EARTH
AND
RIKYU.

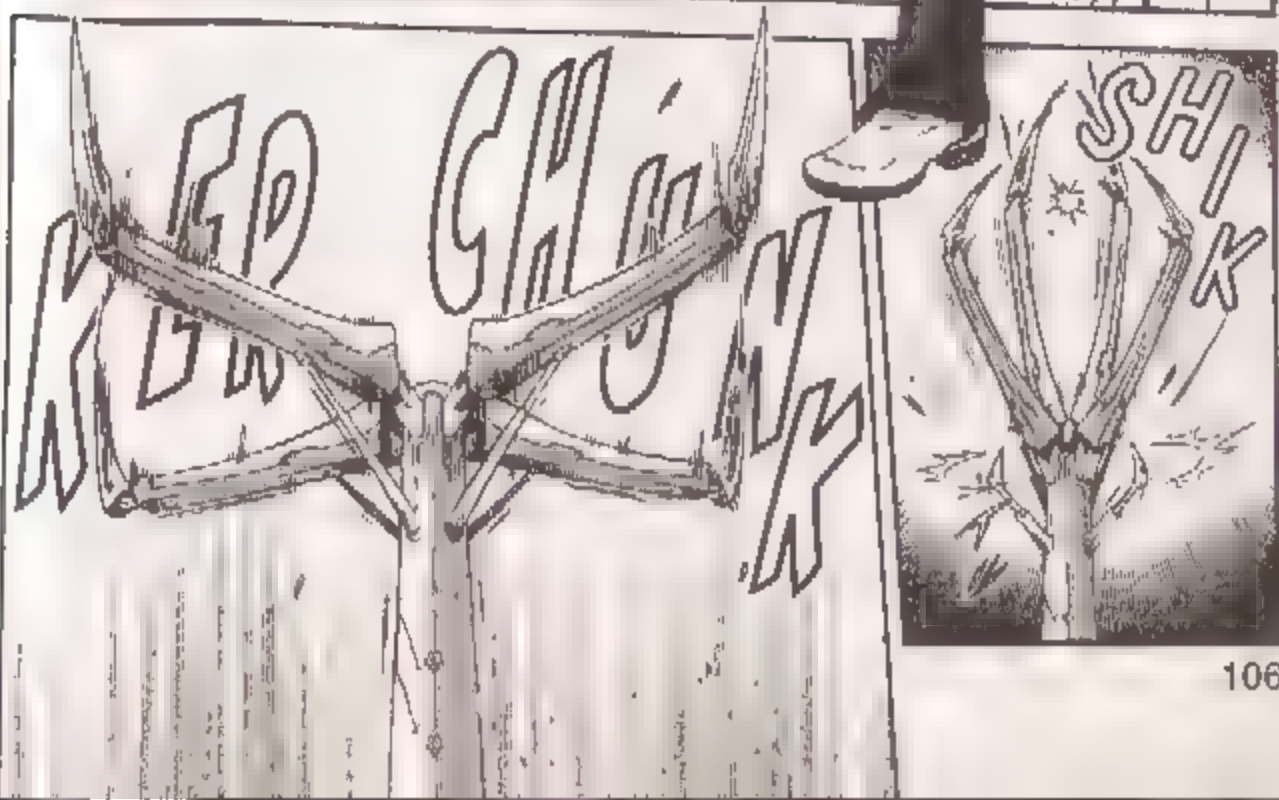
MY
NAME
IS
HIKARU
HI-
MURO.

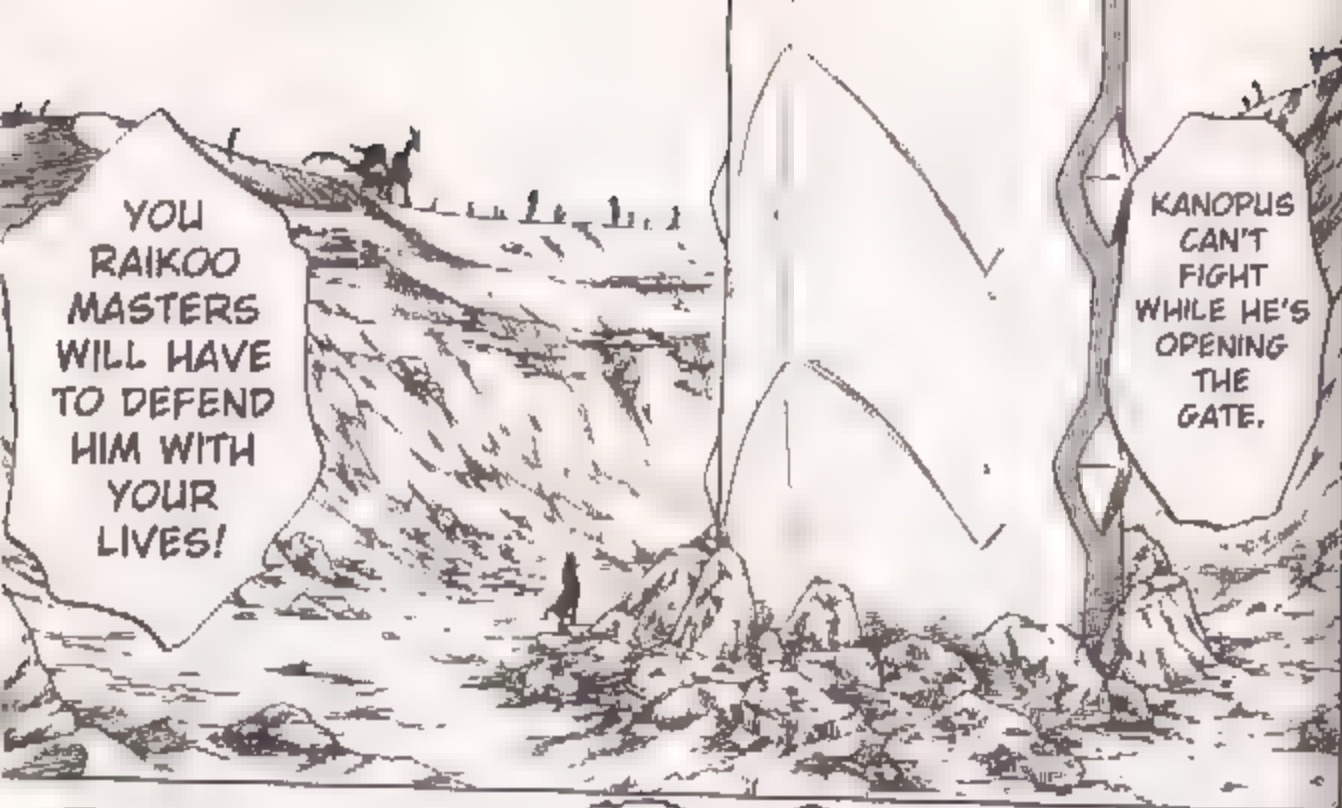
DEPLOY
RECEPTOR
!!

KANOPUS...

WHO'S
THAT?

?





YOU
RAIKOO
MASTERS
WILL HAVE
TO DEFEND
HIM WITH
YOUR
LIVES!

KANOPUS
CAN'T
FIGHT
WHILE HE'S
OPENING
THE
GATE.



I
KNOW
THAT
NAME!

HEY...
HIKARU
HIMURO...

...

WHERE
DOES
HE GET
OFF?



HEY,
WHAT'S
GOING
ON
HERE?

BUT
WHAT'S
HE
TALKING
ABOUT?

WOW!
HE
REALLY
EXISTS
!!

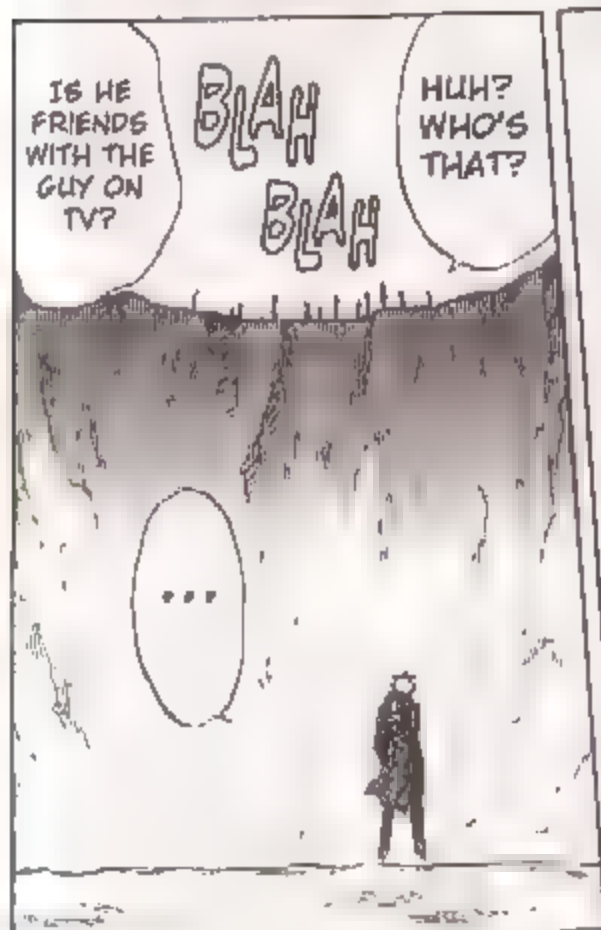
...HE
WAS A
LEGENDARY
HERO!!

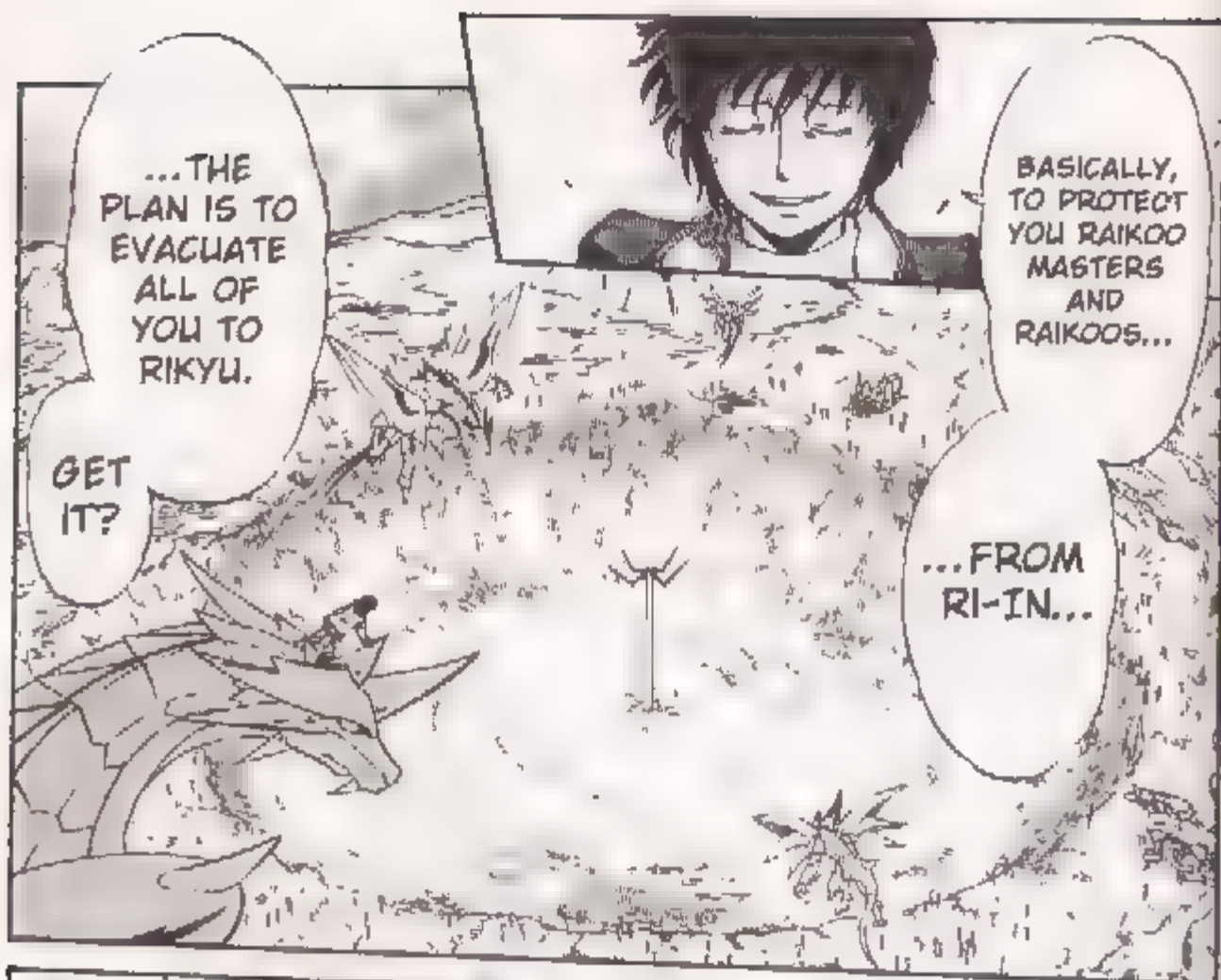
DURING
THE
RIKYU
WAR...

BLAH

BLAH

I'M SO
CONFUSED...





...THE
PLAN IS TO
EVACUATE
ALL OF
YOU TO
RIKYU.

GET
IT?

BASICALLY,
TO PROTECT
YOU RAIKOO
MASTERS
AND
RAIKOOS...

...FROM
RI-IN...



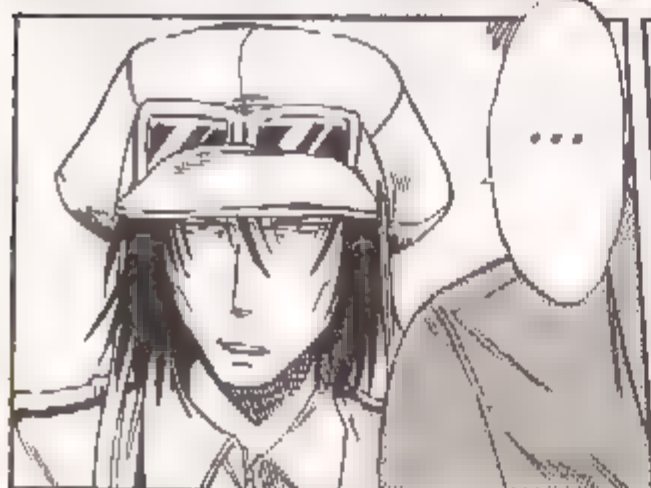
I'M NOT
LOOKING
TO MAKE
FRIENDS,
SO DON'T
PLAY
ME.

MY
NAME'S
RINGO
KAMO-
CHI.

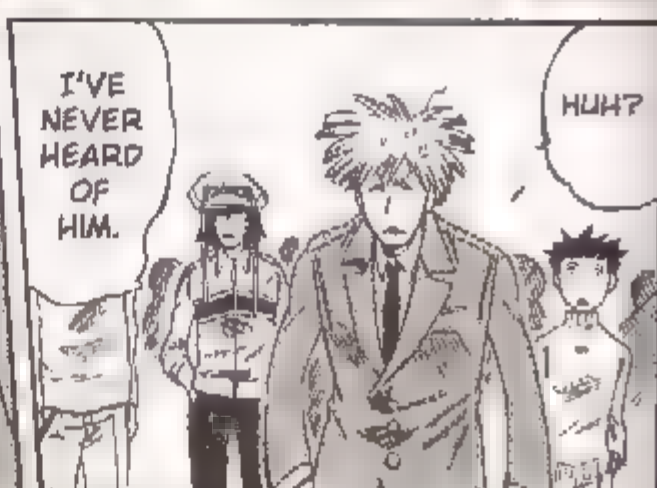


WHO
ARE
YOU?

HEY!

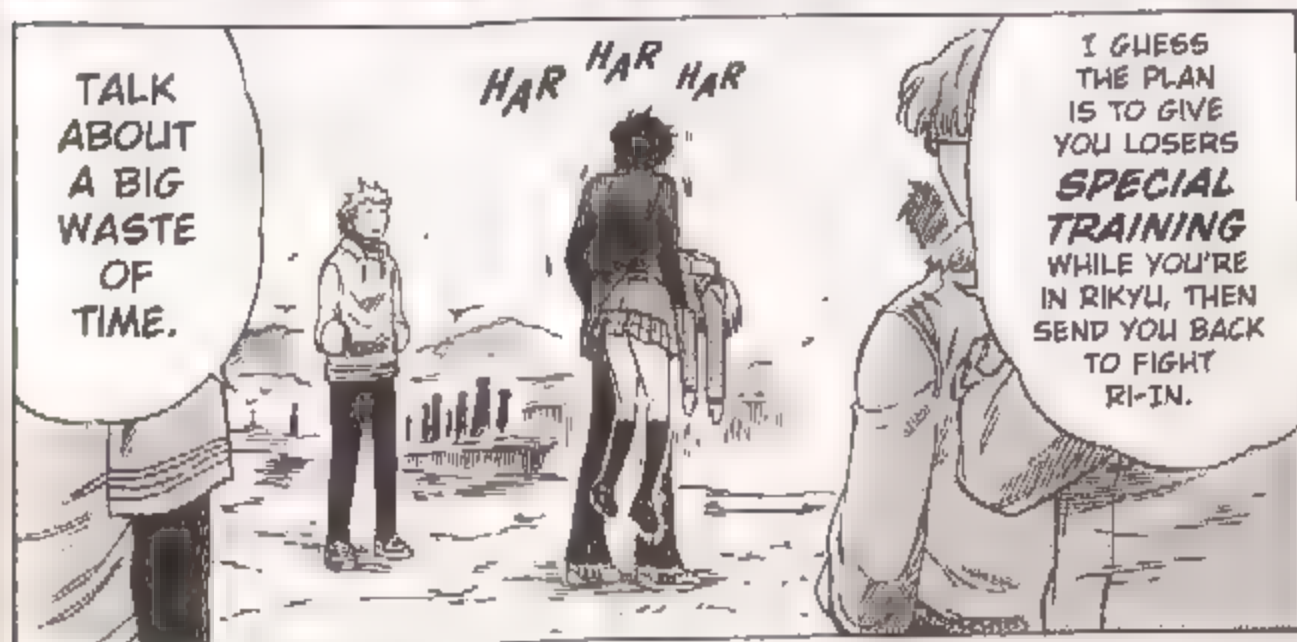
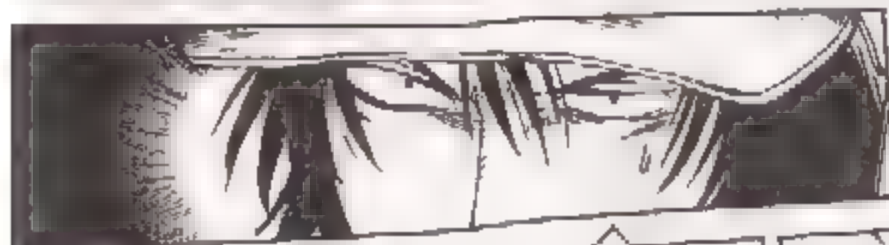


...



I'VE
NEVER
HEARD
OF
HIM.

HUH?





DA

YOU CAN FORGET ABOUT YOUR LITTLE PLAN.

I'M JUST GONNA WIPE YOU ALL OUT RIGHT HERE.

AW



WAA

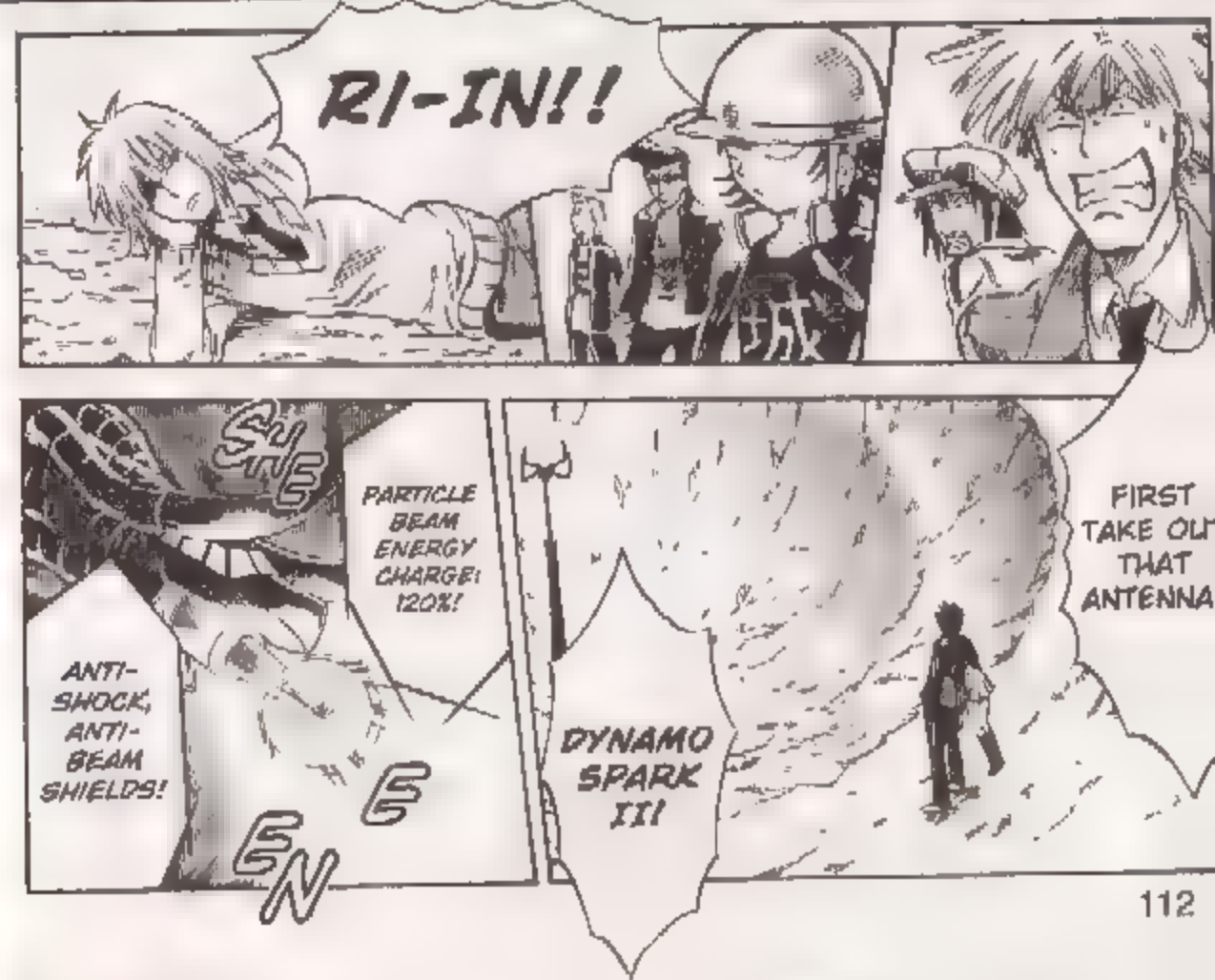
WAA

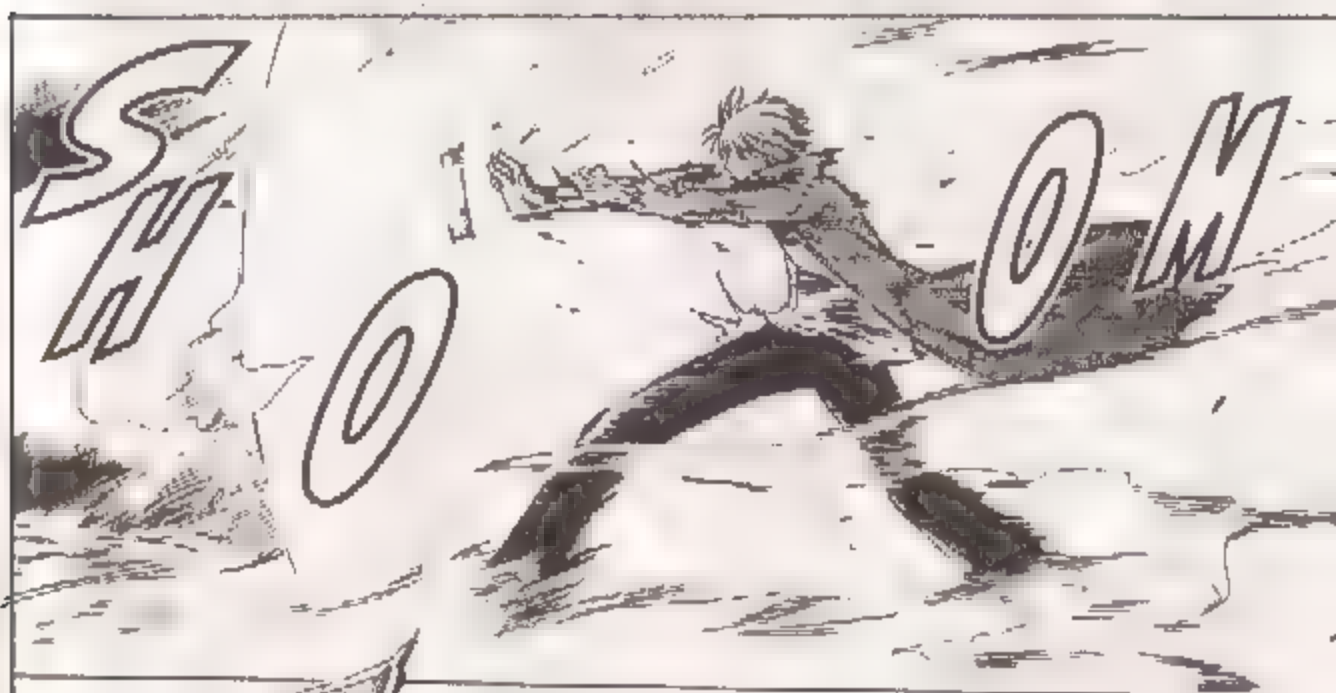


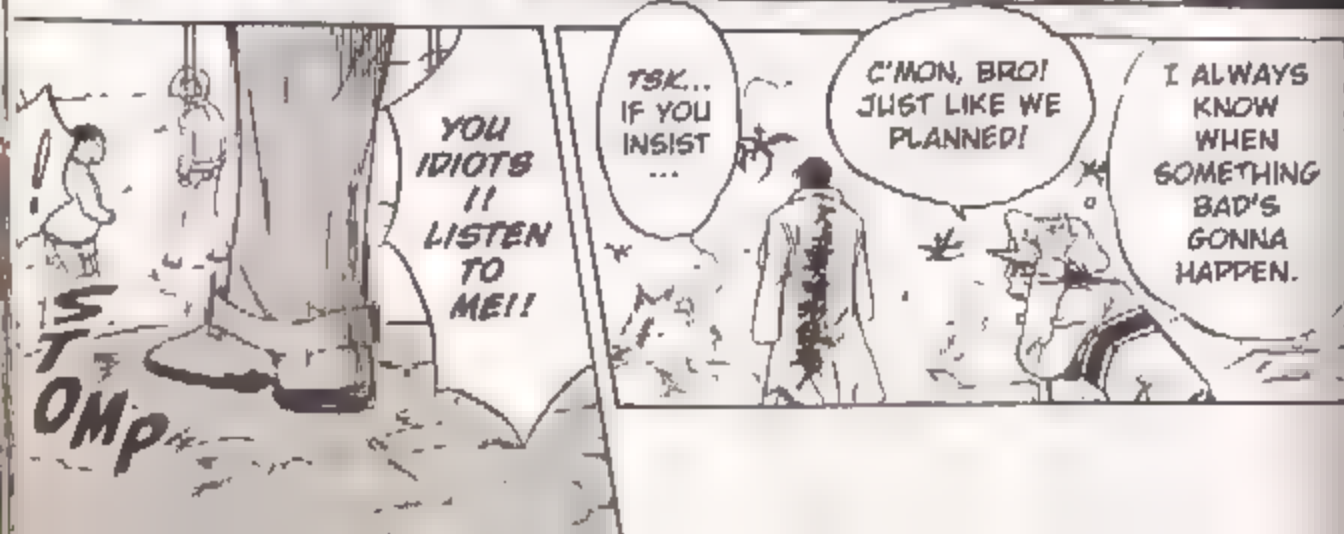
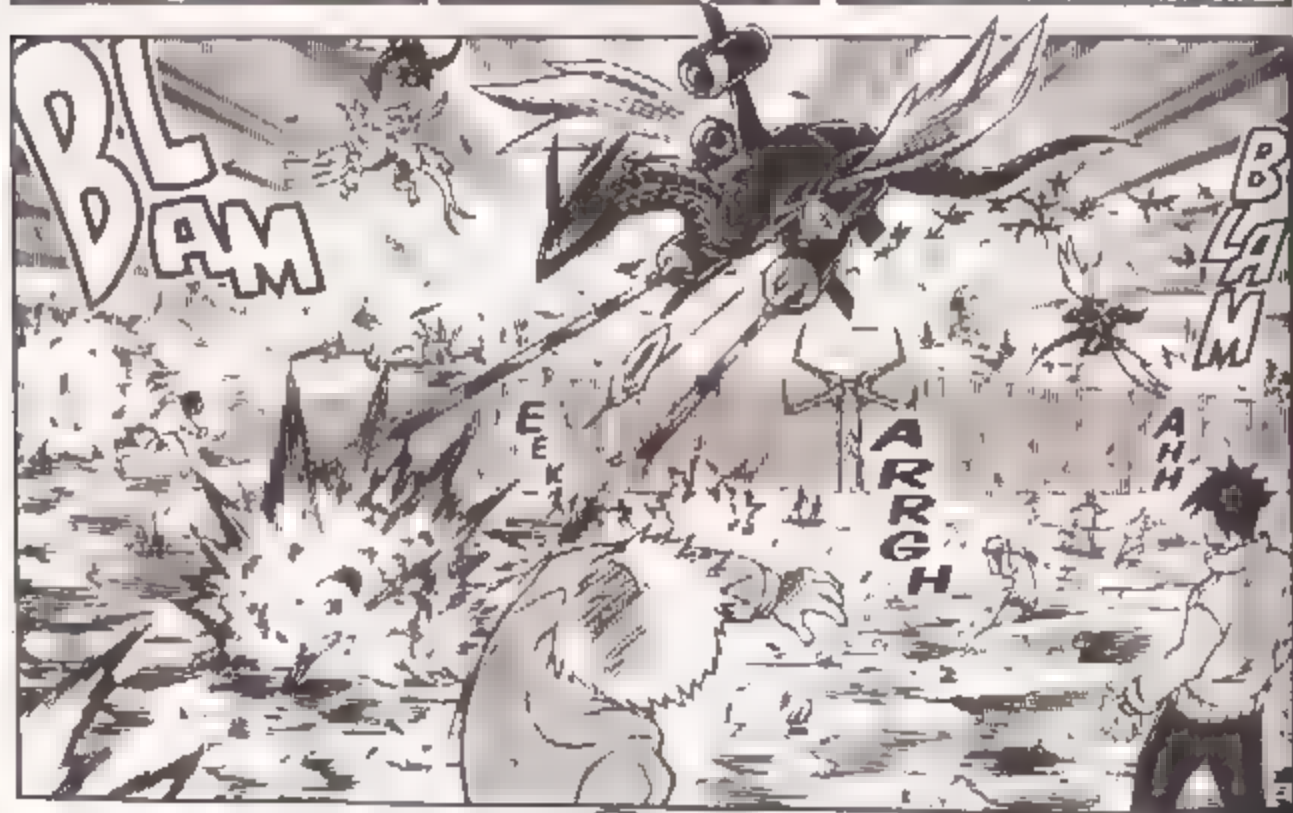
GEEZ, YOU FINALLY WORKED IT OUT?

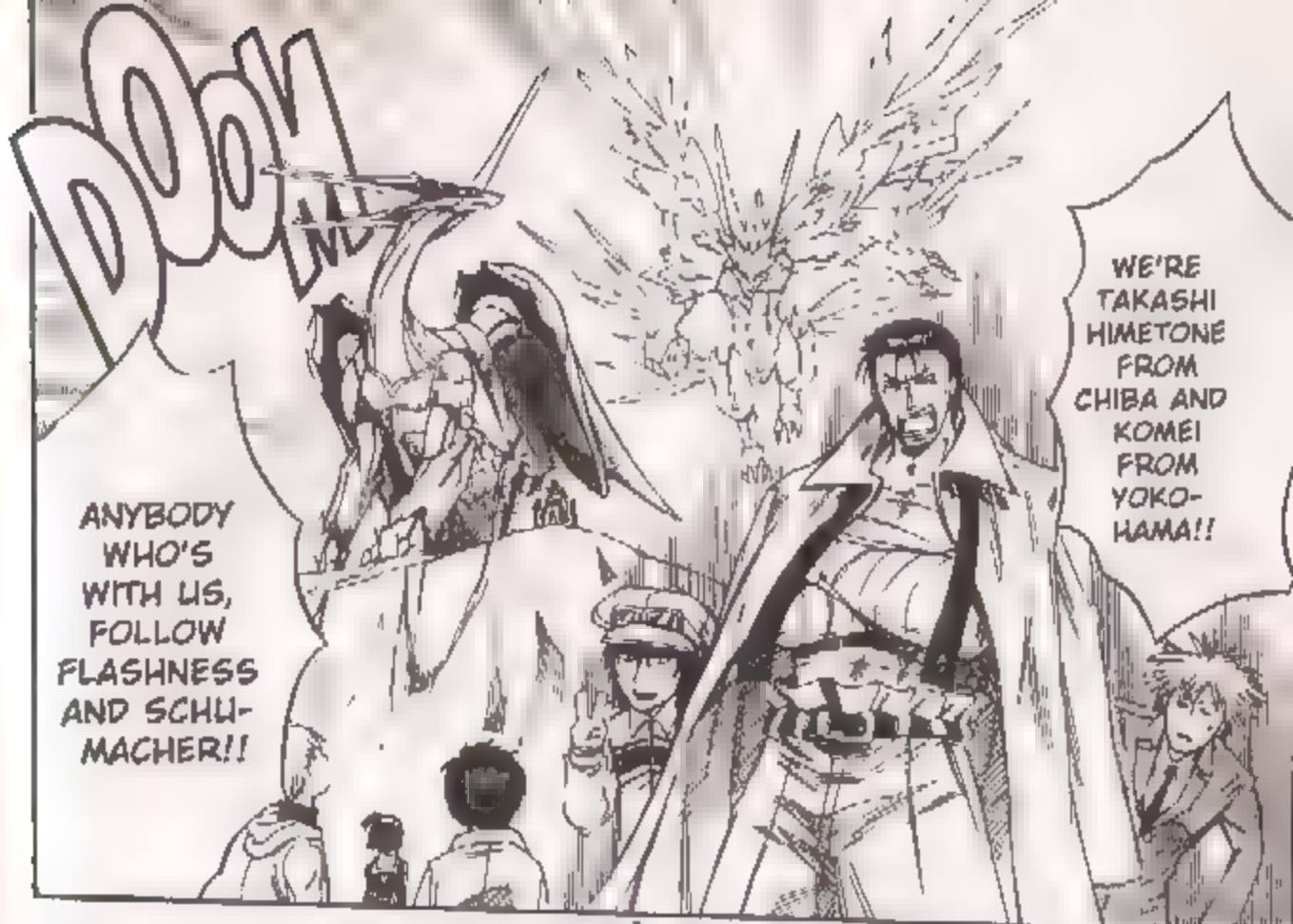
HE'S A RI-IN ASSAS-SIN!!

GET AWAY FROM HIM!!



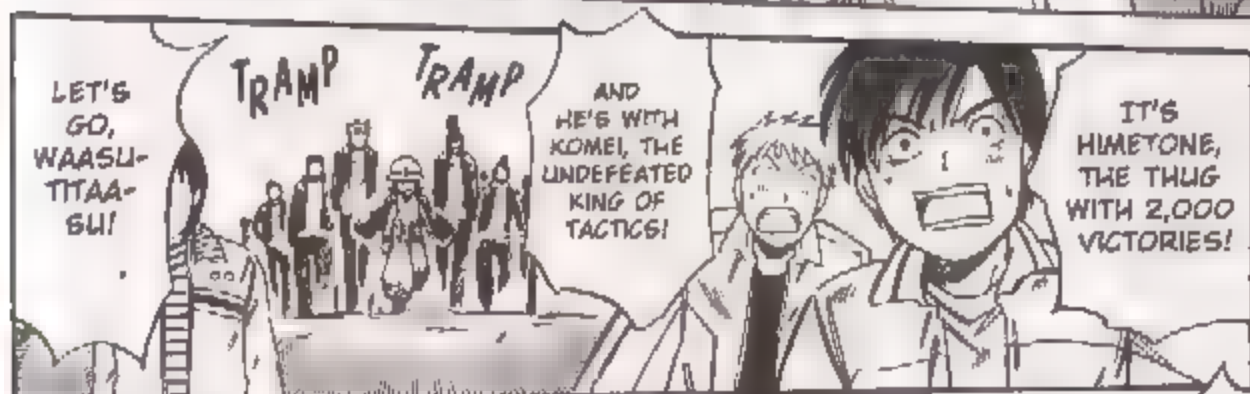






WE'RE
TAKASHI
HIMETONE
FROM
CHIBA AND
KOMEI
FROM
YOKO-
HAMA!!

ANYBODY
WHO'S
WITH US,
FOLLOW
FLASHNESS
AND SCHU-
MACHER!!

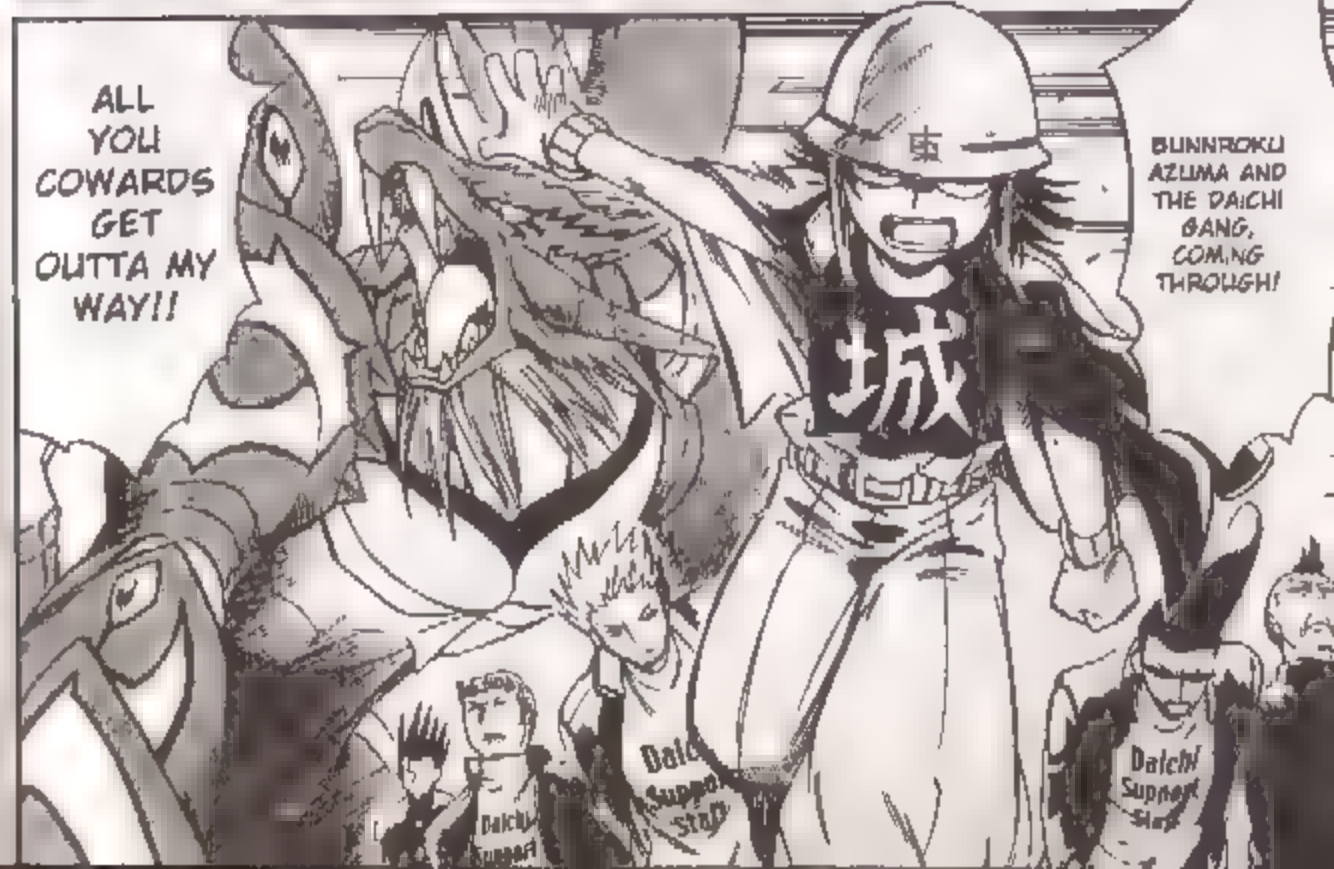


LET'S
GO,
WAASU-
TITAA-
SUI!

TRAMP TRAMP

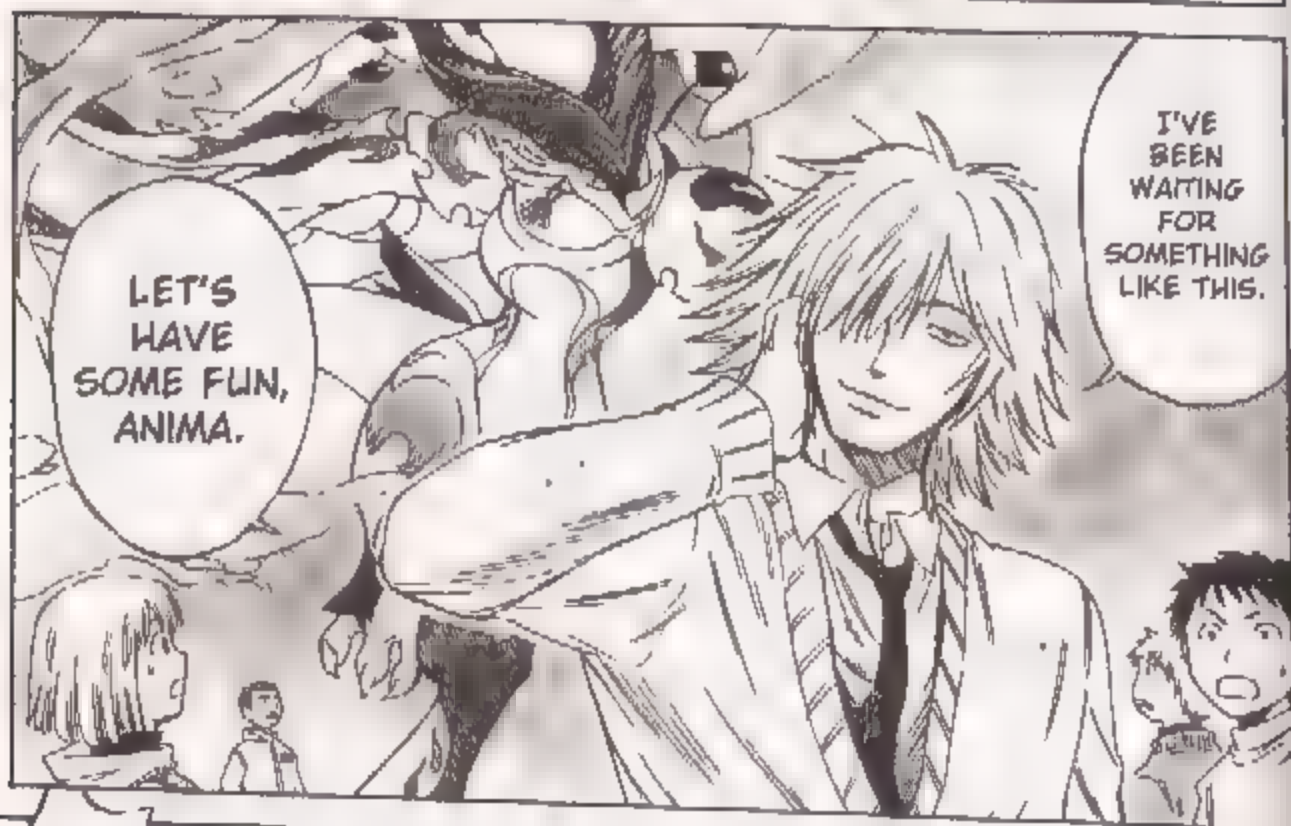
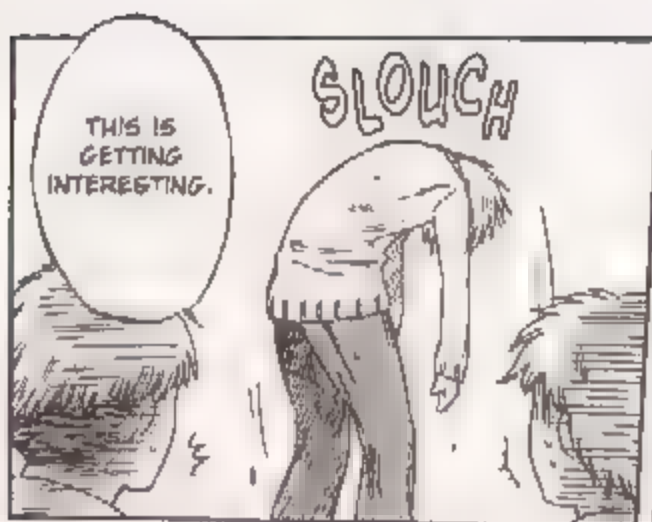
AND
HE'S WITH
KOMEI, THE
UNDEFEATED
KING OF
TACTICS!

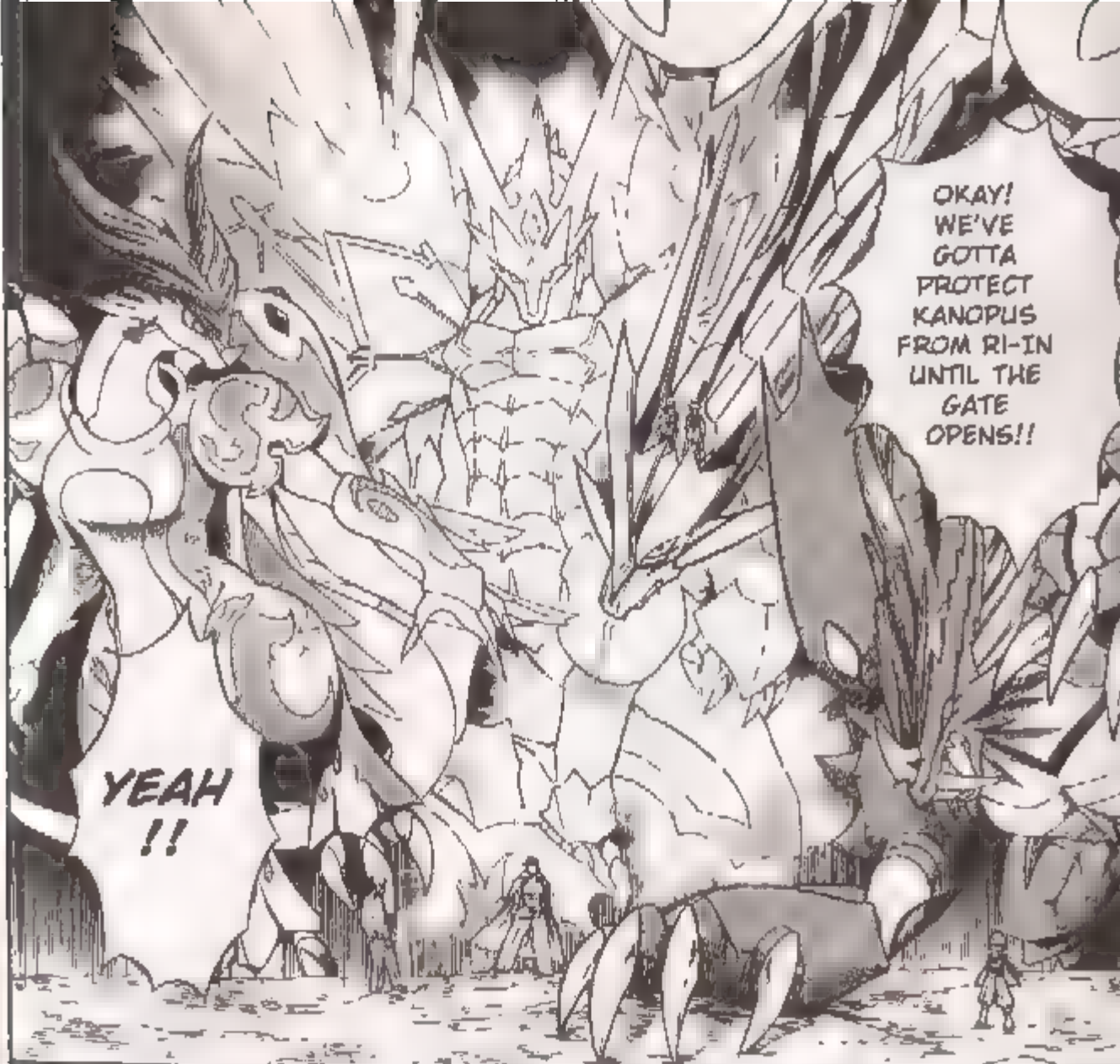
IT'S
HIMETONE,
THE THUG
WITH 2,000
VICTORIES!



ALL
YOU
COWARDS
GET
OUTTA MY
WAY!!

BLINNROKU
AZUMA AND
THE DAICHI
BANG,
COMING
THROUGH!





OKAY!
WE'VE
GOTTA
PROTECT
KANOPUS
FROM RI-IN
UNTIL THE
GATE
OPENS!!

**YEAH
!!**



IT'S
JUST
...

HEY,
ARE YOU
CRYING?



OH
YEAH
...

THAT
WORK
FOR
YOU?

AT A
TIME LIKE
THIS, LET
THE BIG
GUNS TAKE
THE LEAD.



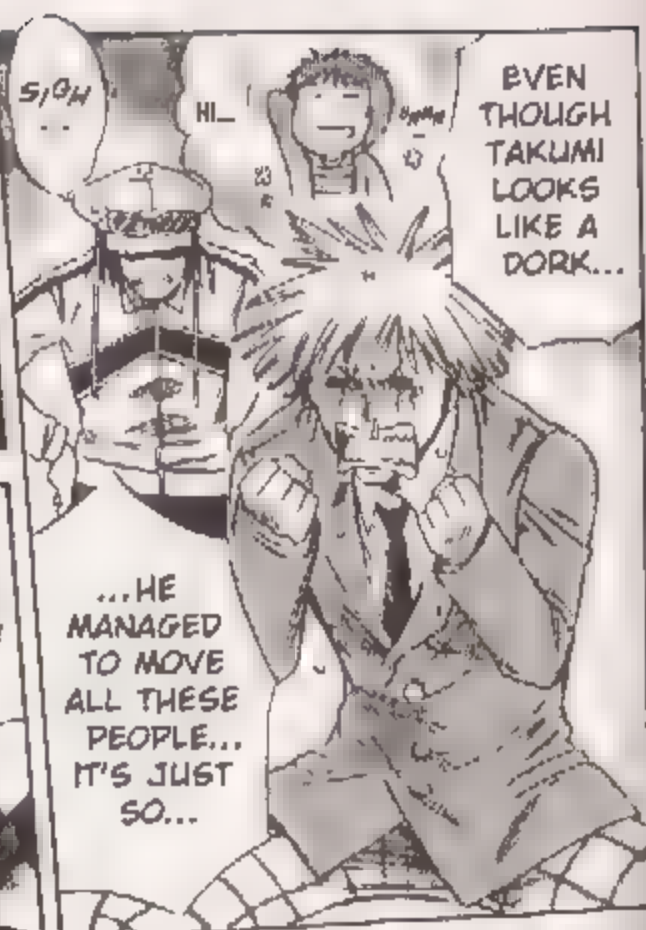
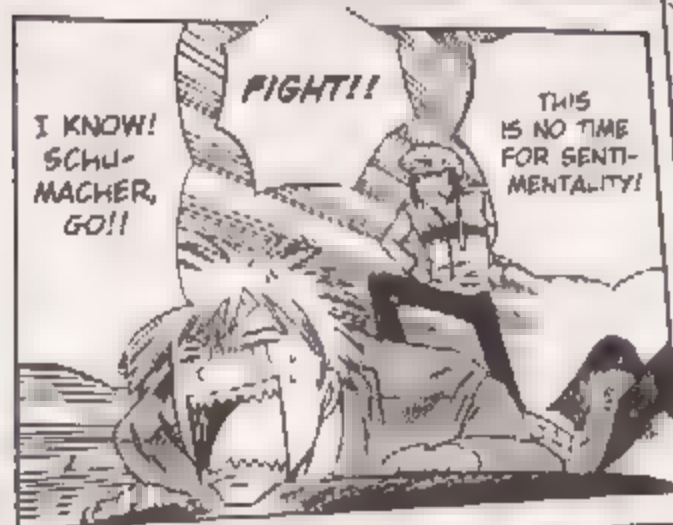
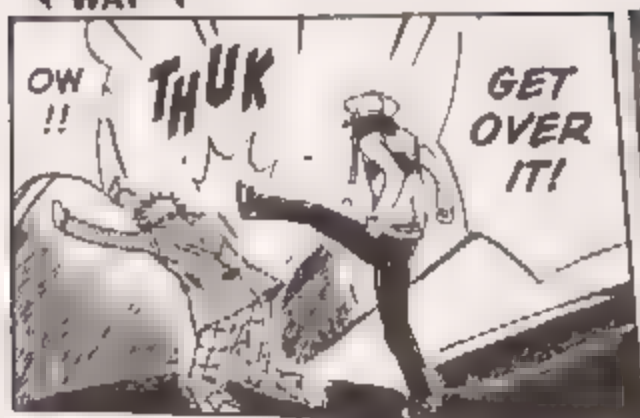
...AND NOW
THEY'RE ALL
FIGHTING ON
THE SAME
SIDE AGAINST
RI-INI

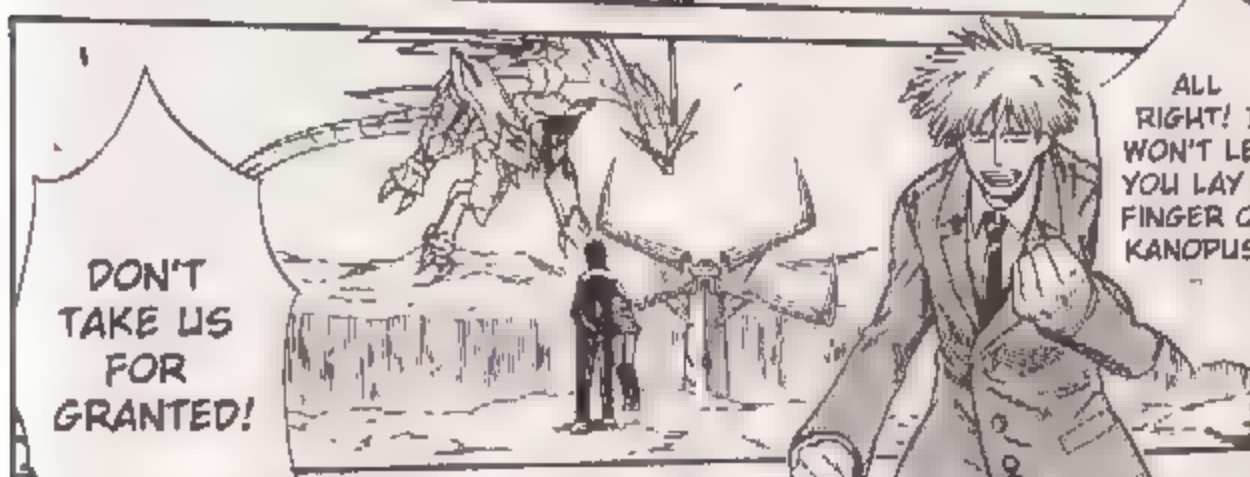
THEY
SAW THE
BROADCAST
AND CAME
HERE...



... ALL
THE
RAIKOO
MASTERS
HERE.

...HAVE
COME
TO HELP
TAKUMI!





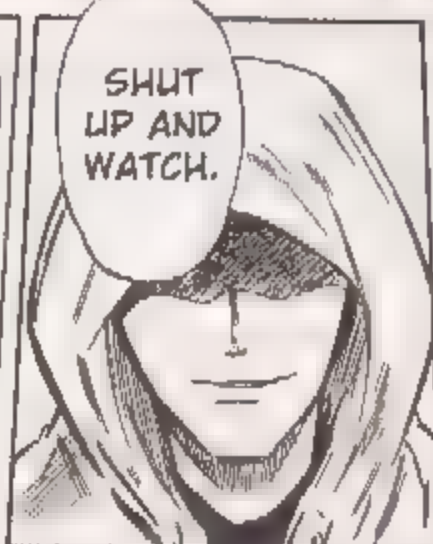
RI-IN HQ

...YOU NO
LONGER
HAVE
AUTHORITY
HERE.

I
THOUGHT
I TOLD
YOU...



HMPH.



SHUT
UP AND
WATCH.



WHY
DIDN'T
RINGO
KAMOCHI
DO
SOME-
THING?



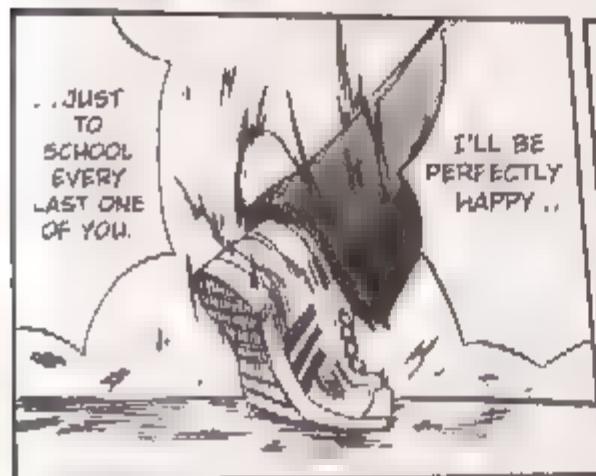
DON'T
WAIT UP,
SWEETIE.

♥
I'M GONNA
GO PLAY
FOR A
WHILE



WHAT'S
HE THINK
HE'S
DOING?

IT
REALLY
IS NEKO



..JUST
TO
SCHOOL
EVERY
LAST ONE
OF YOU.

I'LL BE
PERFECTLY
HAPPY ..



OH,
THIS IS
FUN.



HONESTLY,
I DON'T
GIVE
A TOSS
ABOUT THE
GATE



OKAY,
TIME TO
SHOW
YOU
WHAT
I'VE
GOT!!



**DRAGON
ACTOR!**

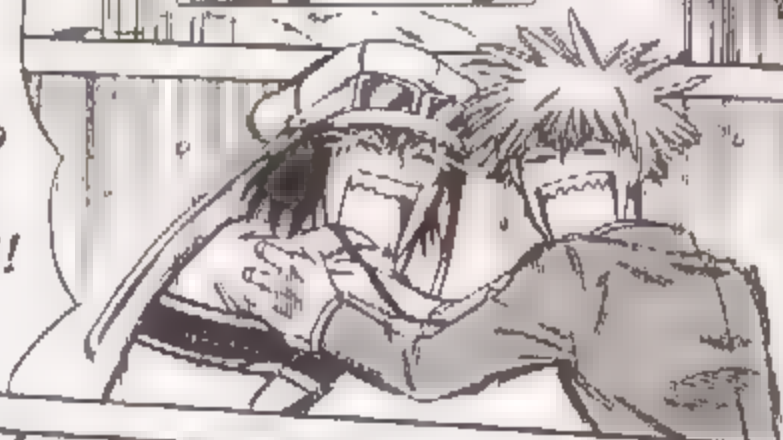
**RELEASE
POWER!!**





DARK-NESS
CRAVERT
HP: 1000 AP: 1000 POW: 1000

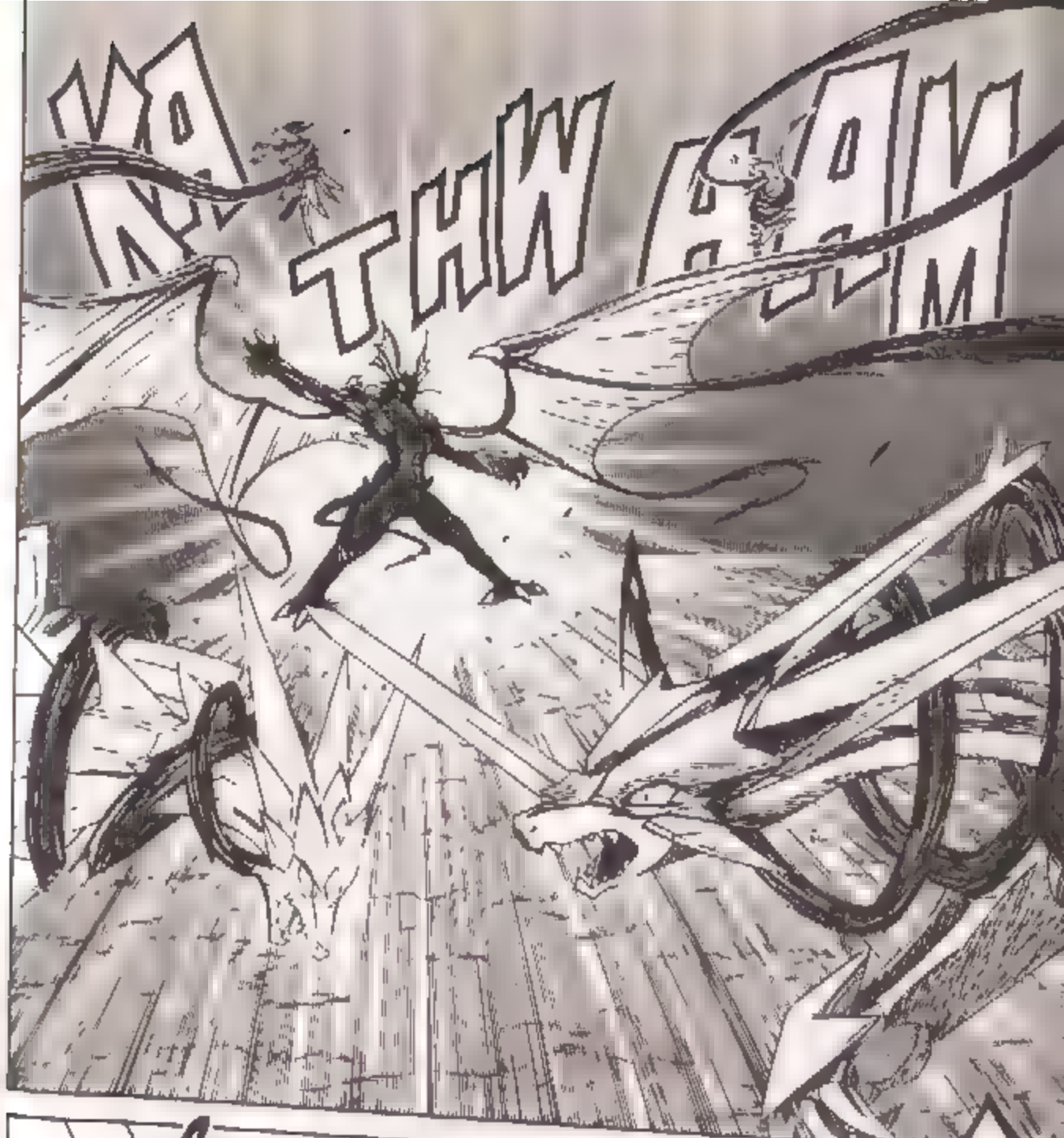
HE
TURNED
INTO A
DRAGON!

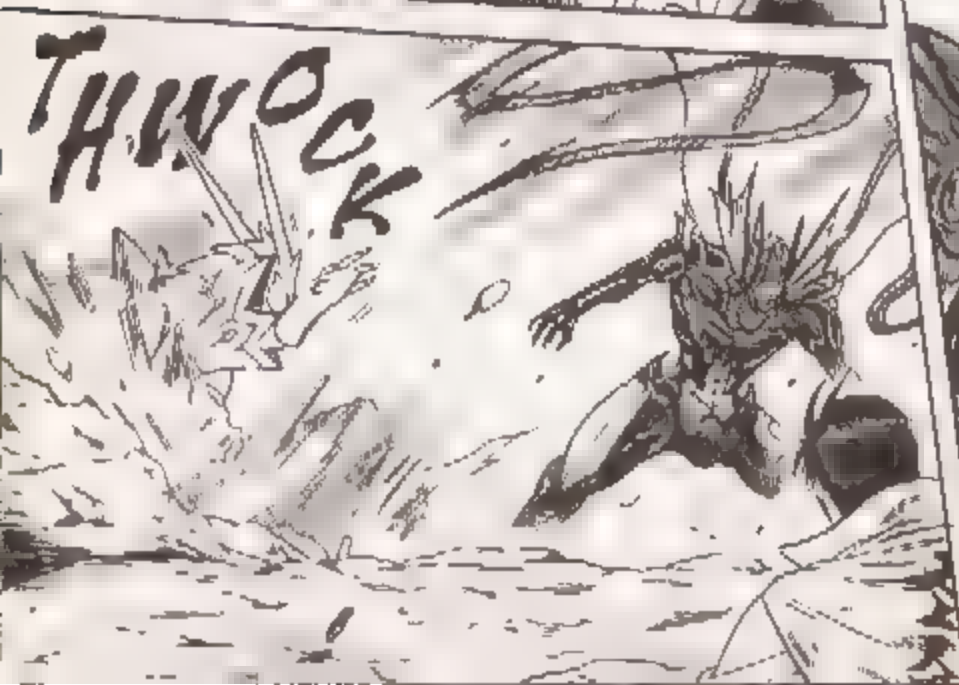
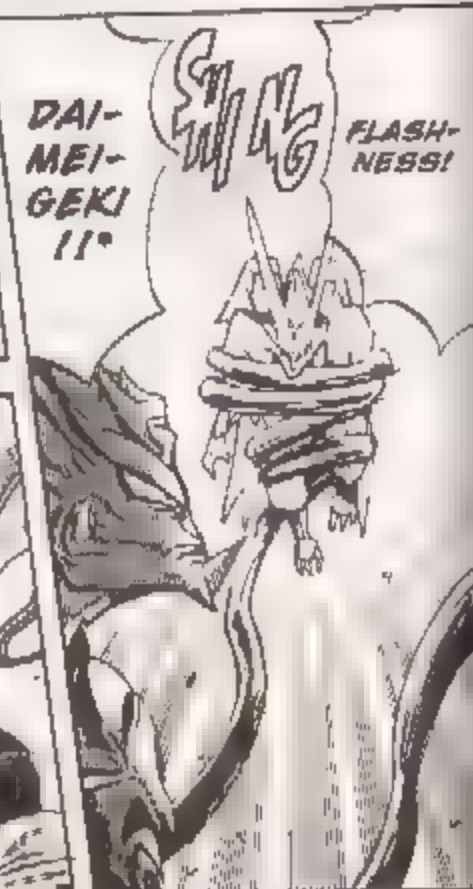
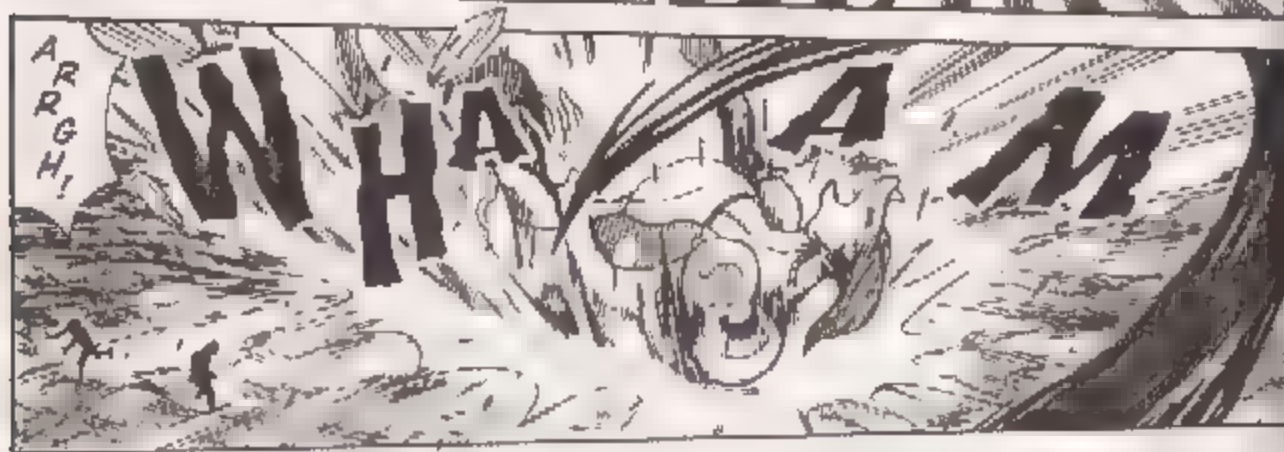


OH,
NO
WAY!

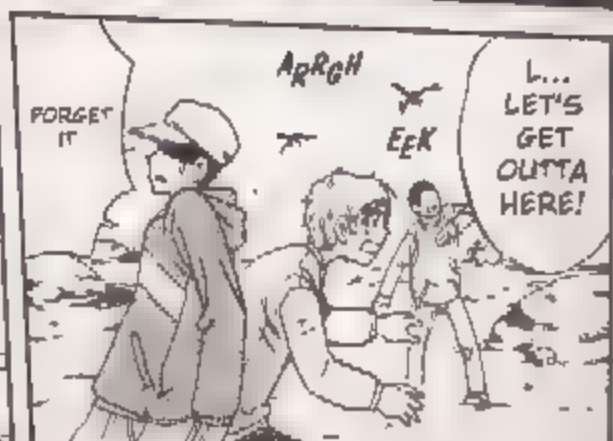








*LIGHT ATTACK



WE'RE
ALREADY
SURROUNDED
BY RI-IN
DRAGONS!!



WE'LL
BE OKAY
ONCE
THE GATE
OPENS!!



DON'T
GIVE
UP!
FIGHT!!



WE'RE
FINISHED
...

F
L
O
P



IN
THAT
CASE...

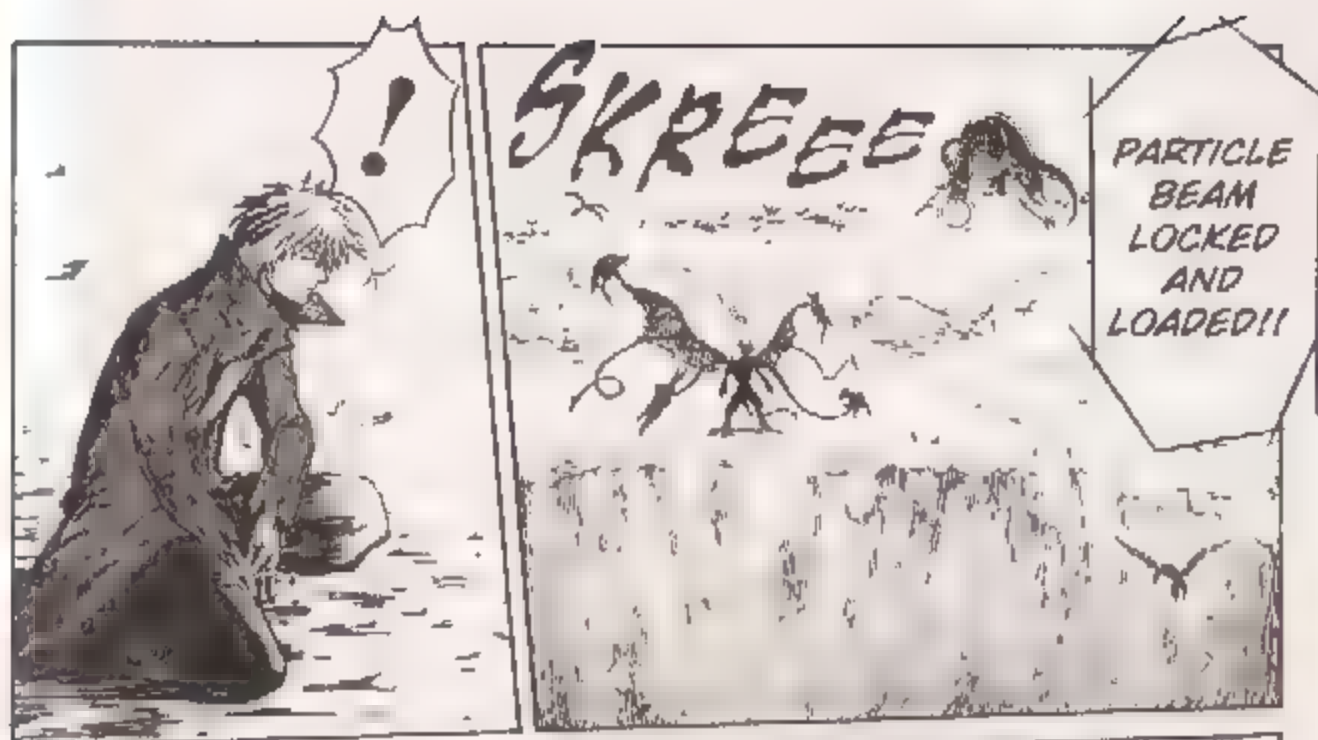
...I'LL
TAKE
IT OUT
RIGHT
NOW!!

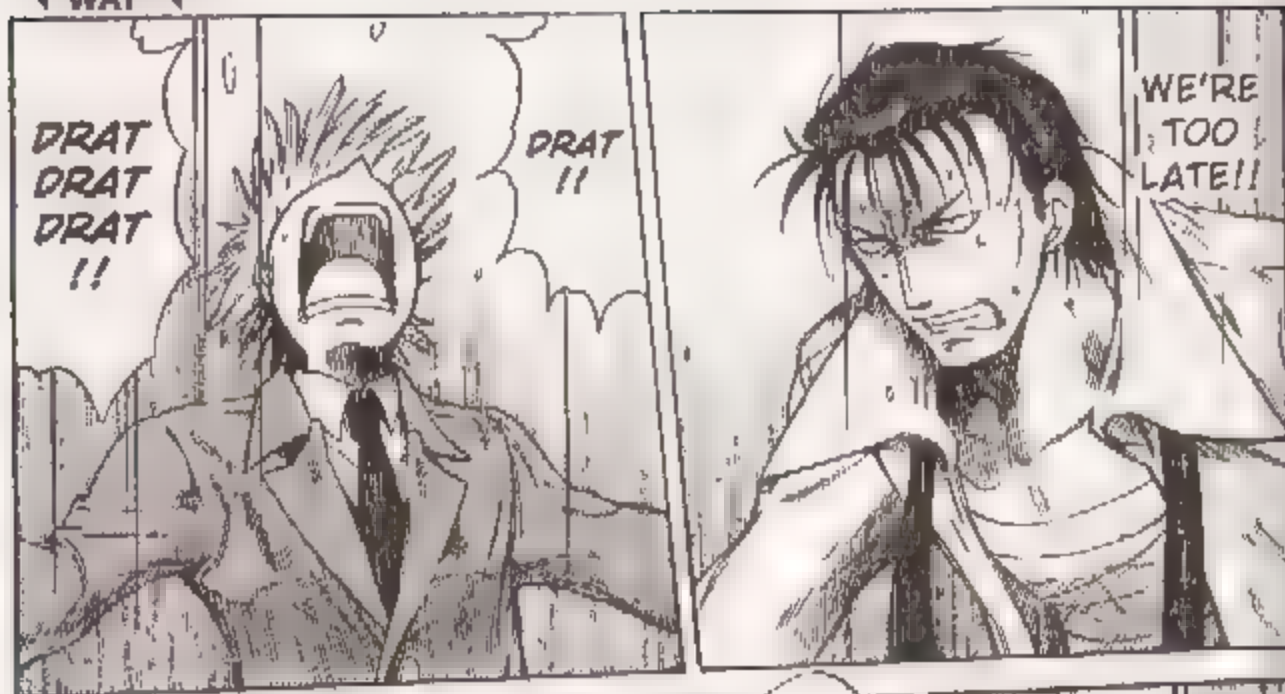


YOU
STILL
CARE
ABOUT
THAT?

THE
GATE?



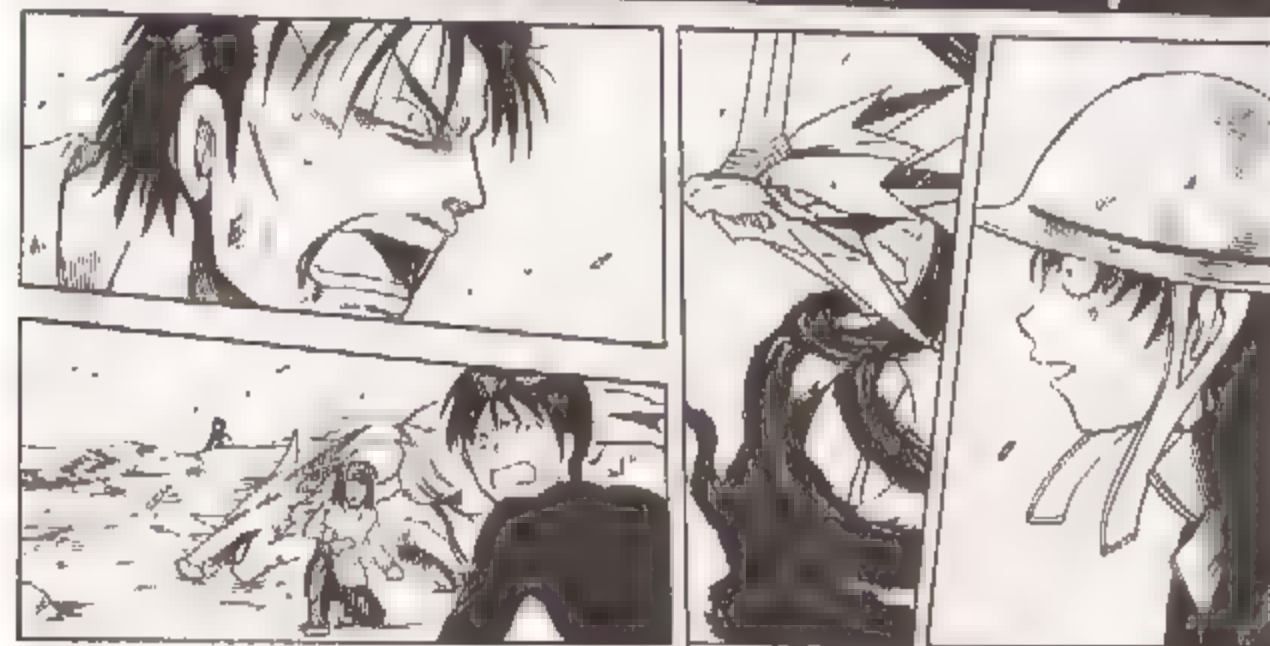
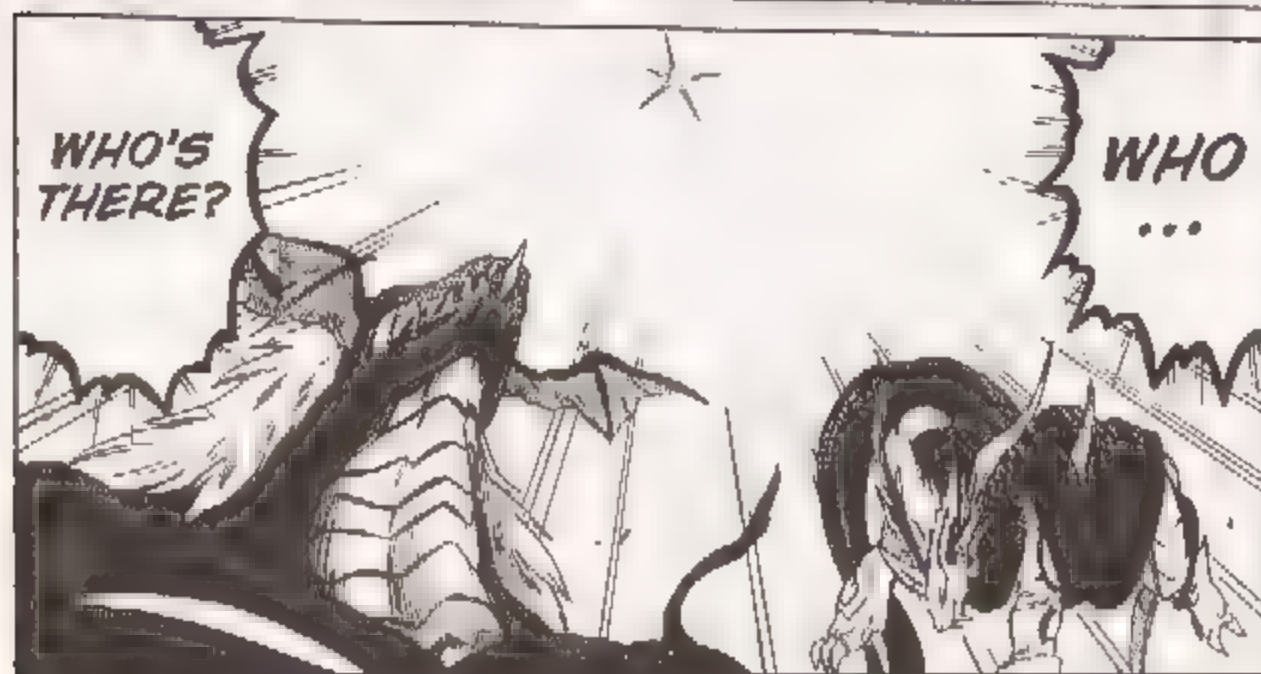
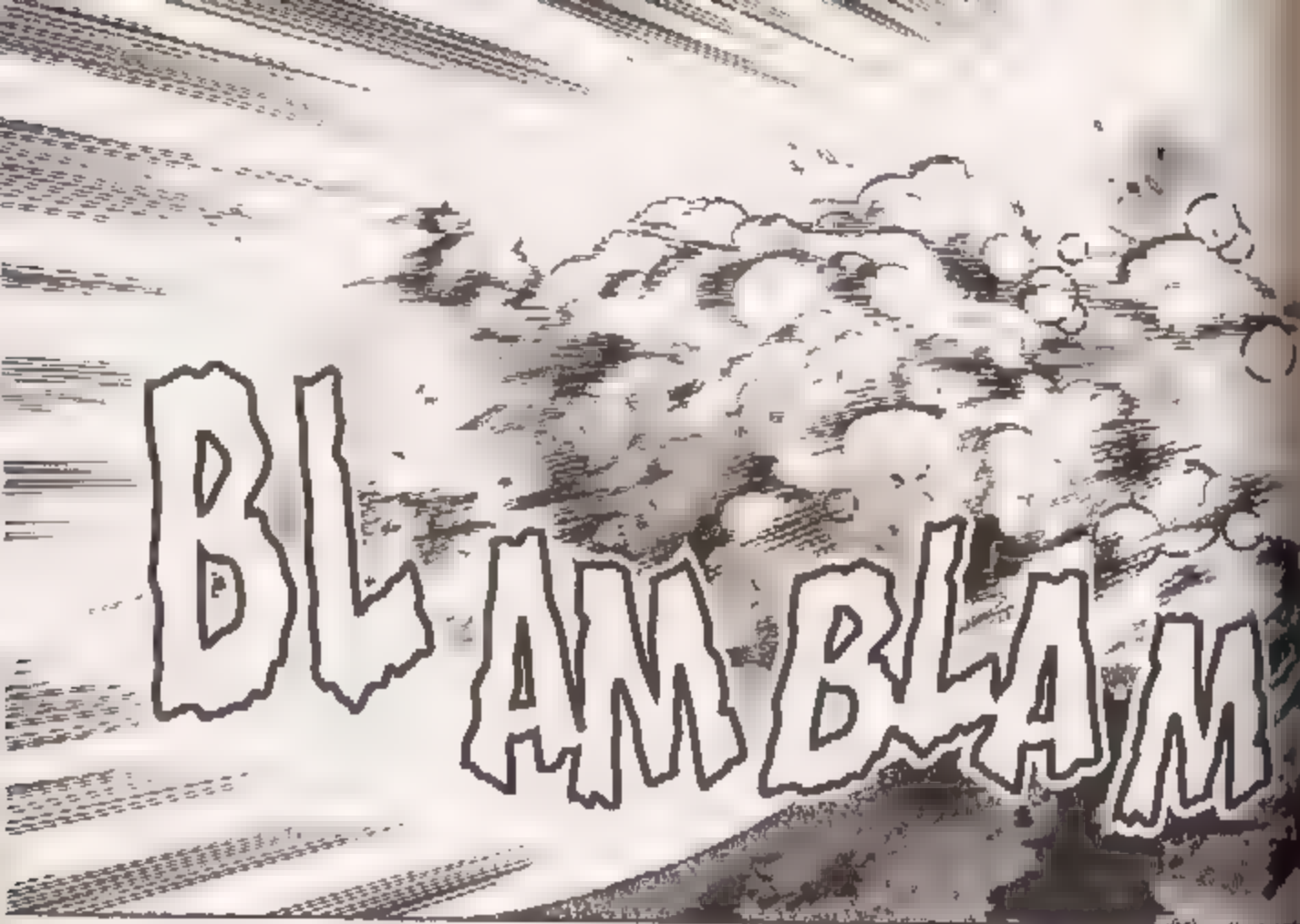


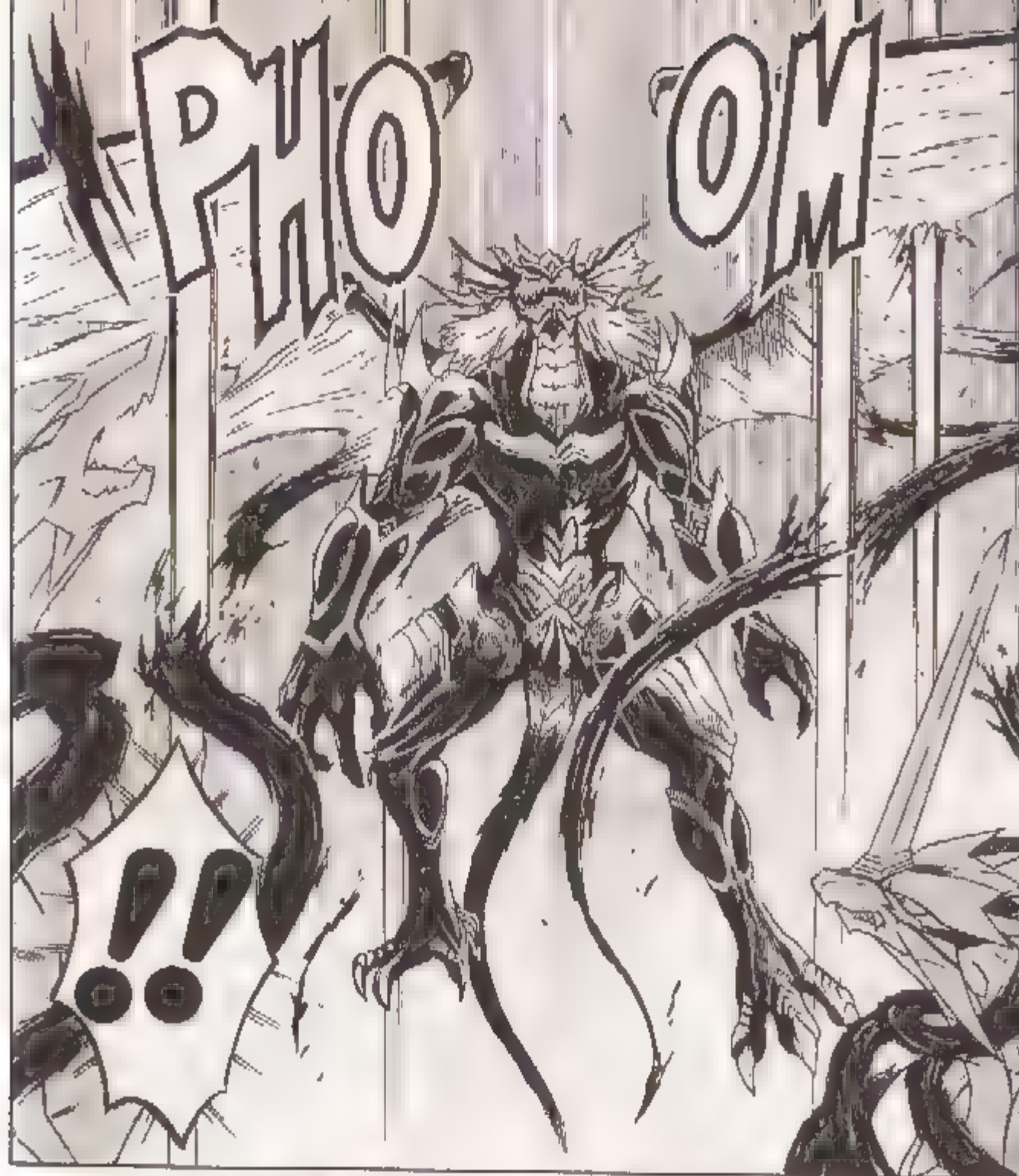


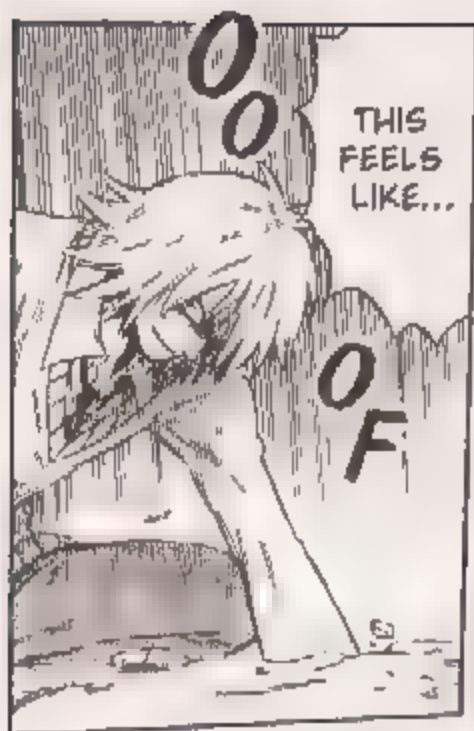


SH * ING

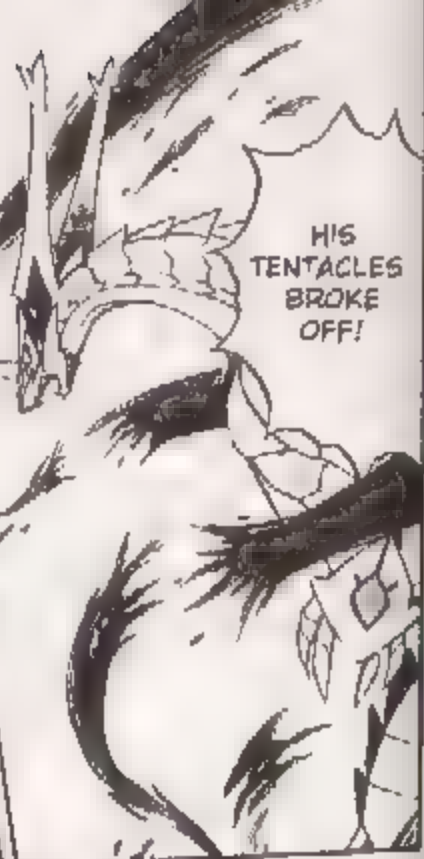








THIS
FEELS
LIKE...



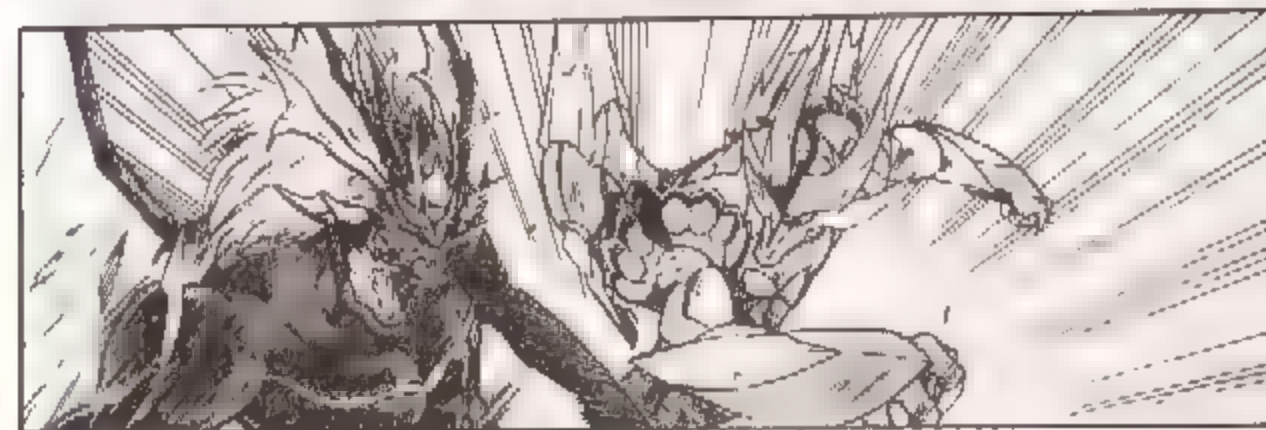
HIS
TENTACLES
BROKE
OFF!



UGH
...



BEHIND
ME!!



STOMP

URGH!!



...MY
LINE!!

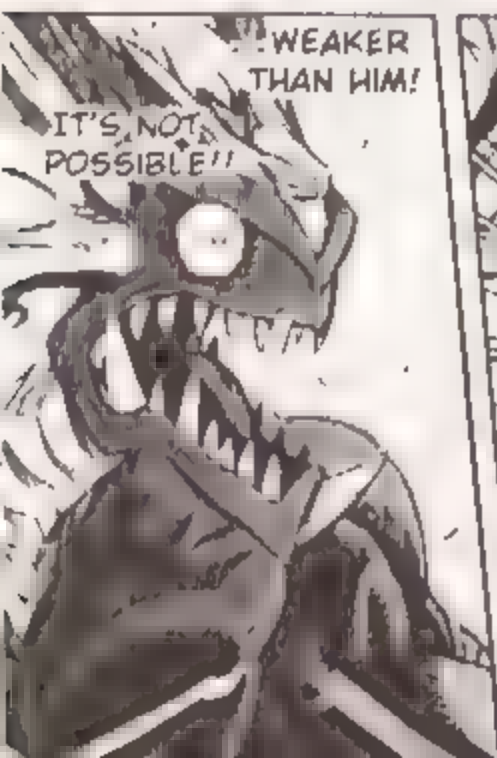
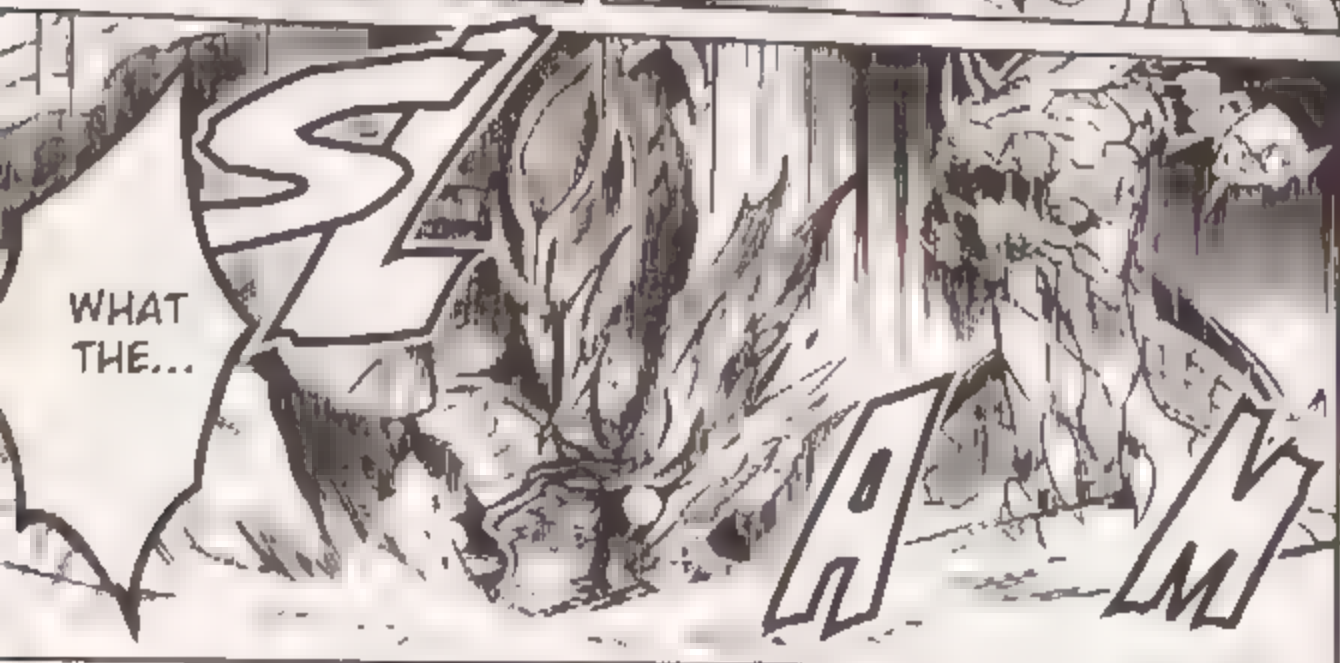
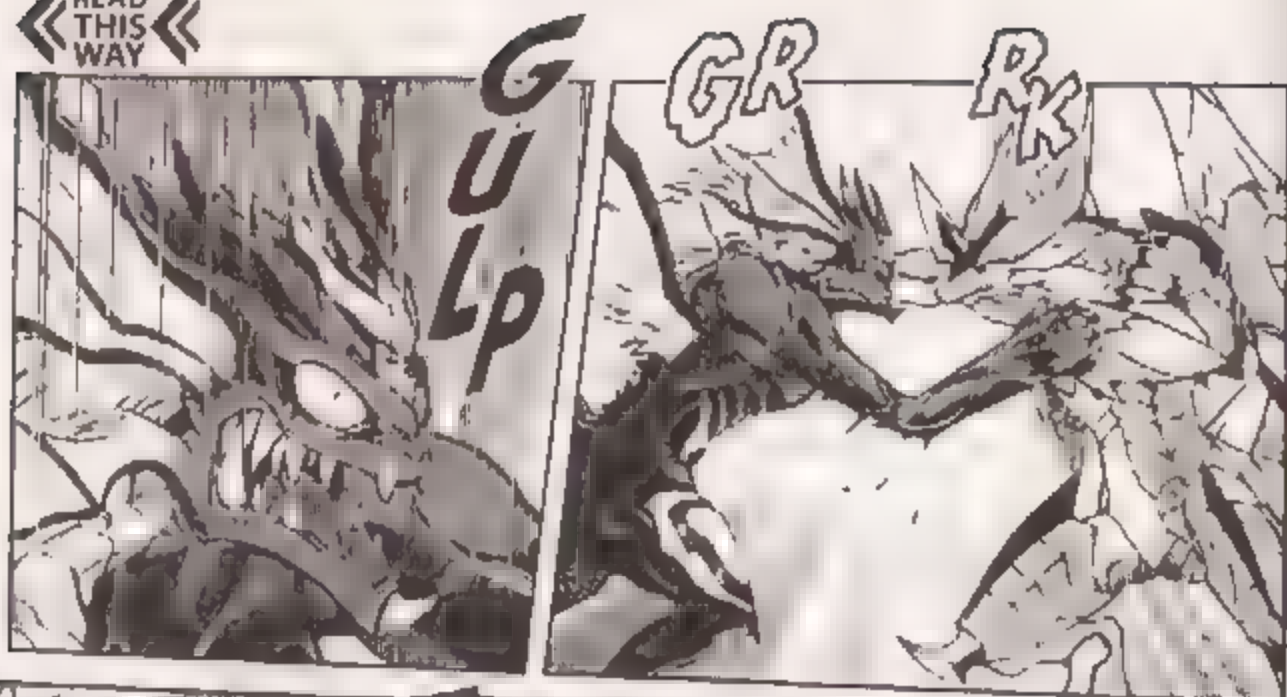
THAT'S
...

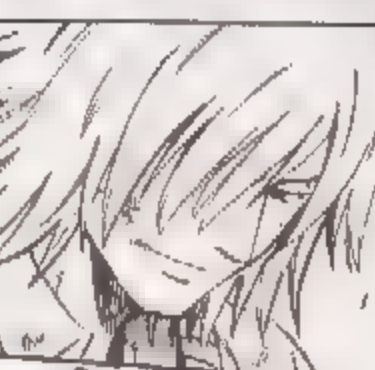
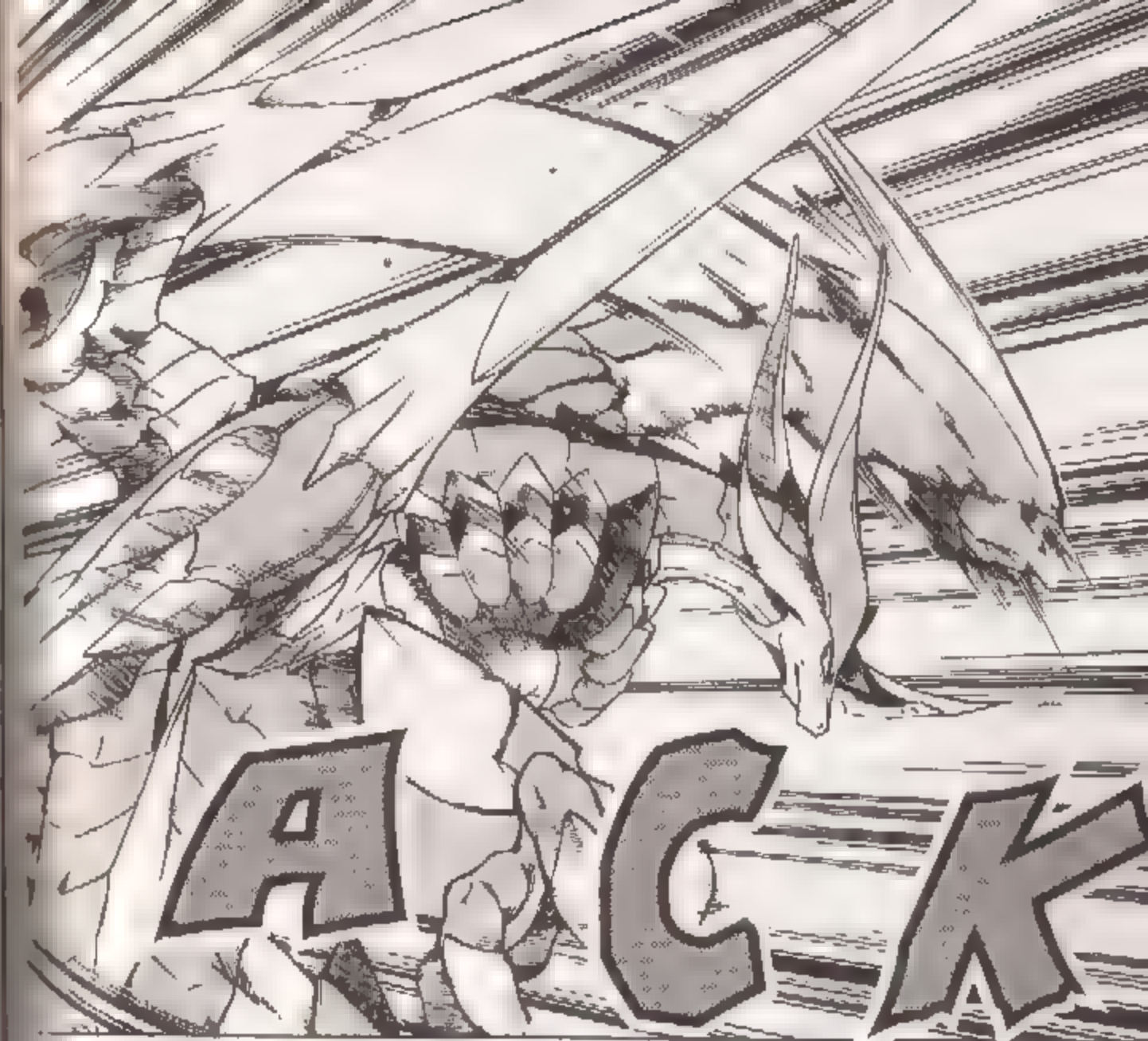


WHO
ON
EARTH
ARE
YOU?

WH
...

《 READ THIS WAY 》





WHAT?
I DIDN'T?
NO WAY...
HOW CAN
THAT
BE?



HEY...
I GOT
TO BE ON
THE TITLE
PAGE,
RIGHT?

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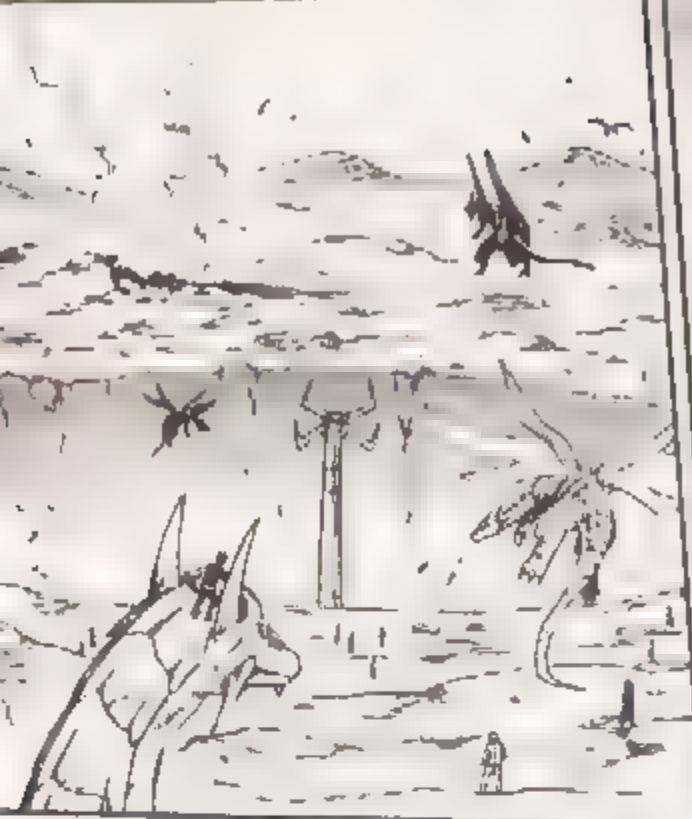
89

19th TURN

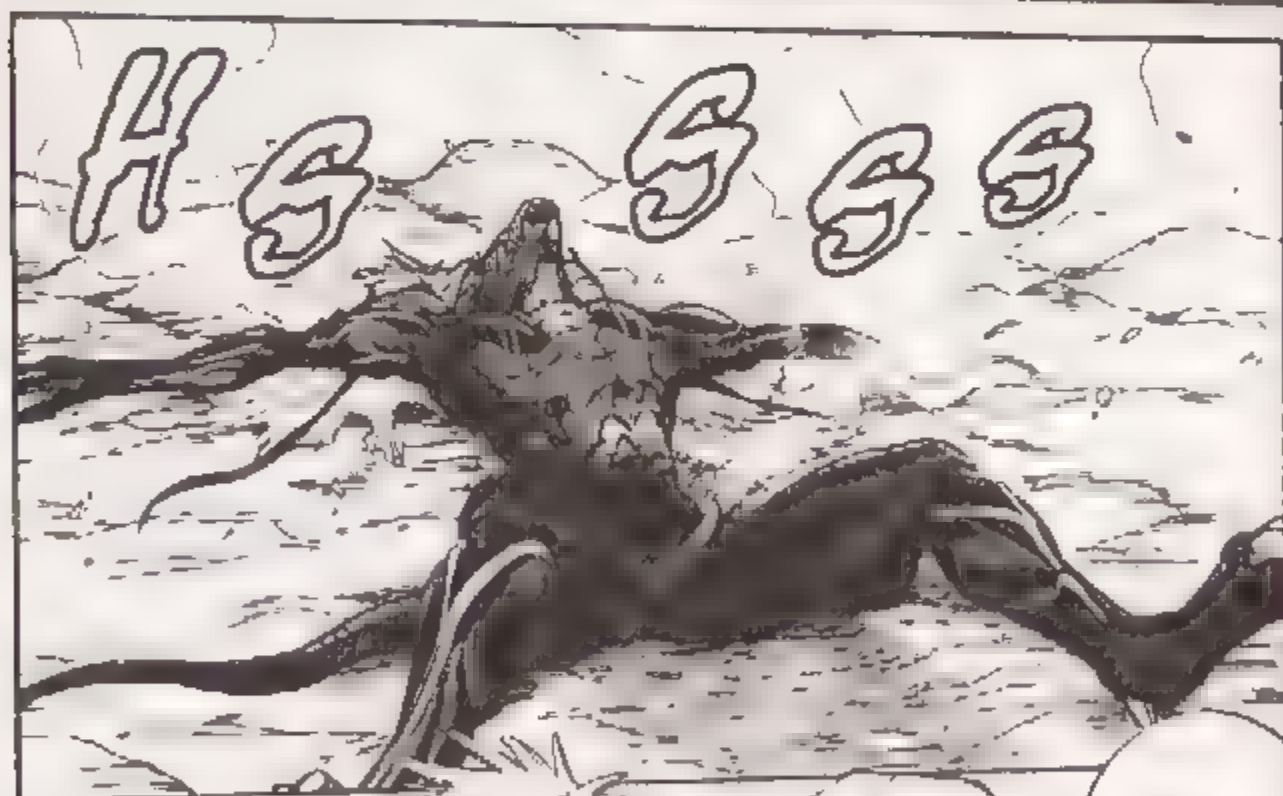
CHANGE

145

DRAGON DRIVE



19th turn Change



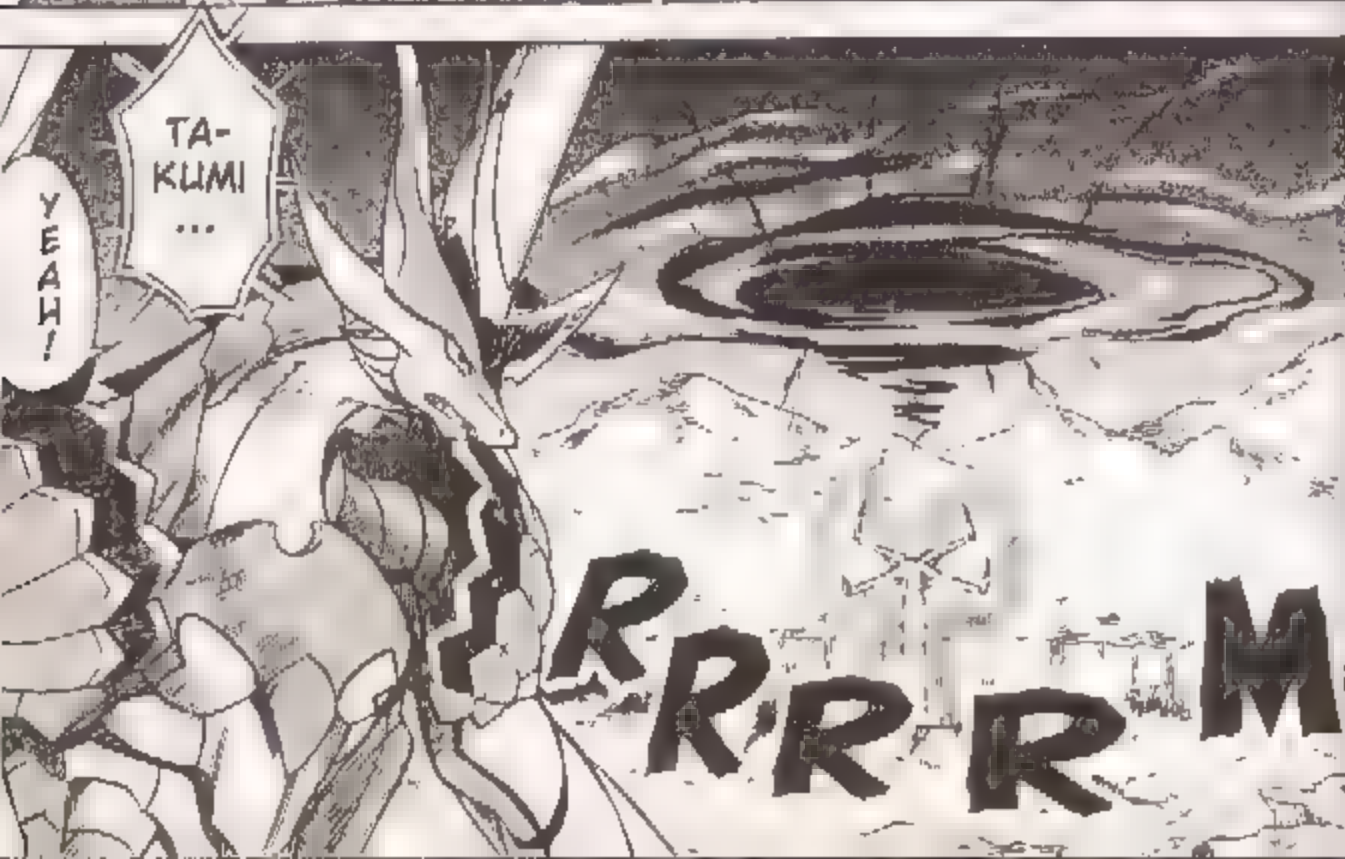
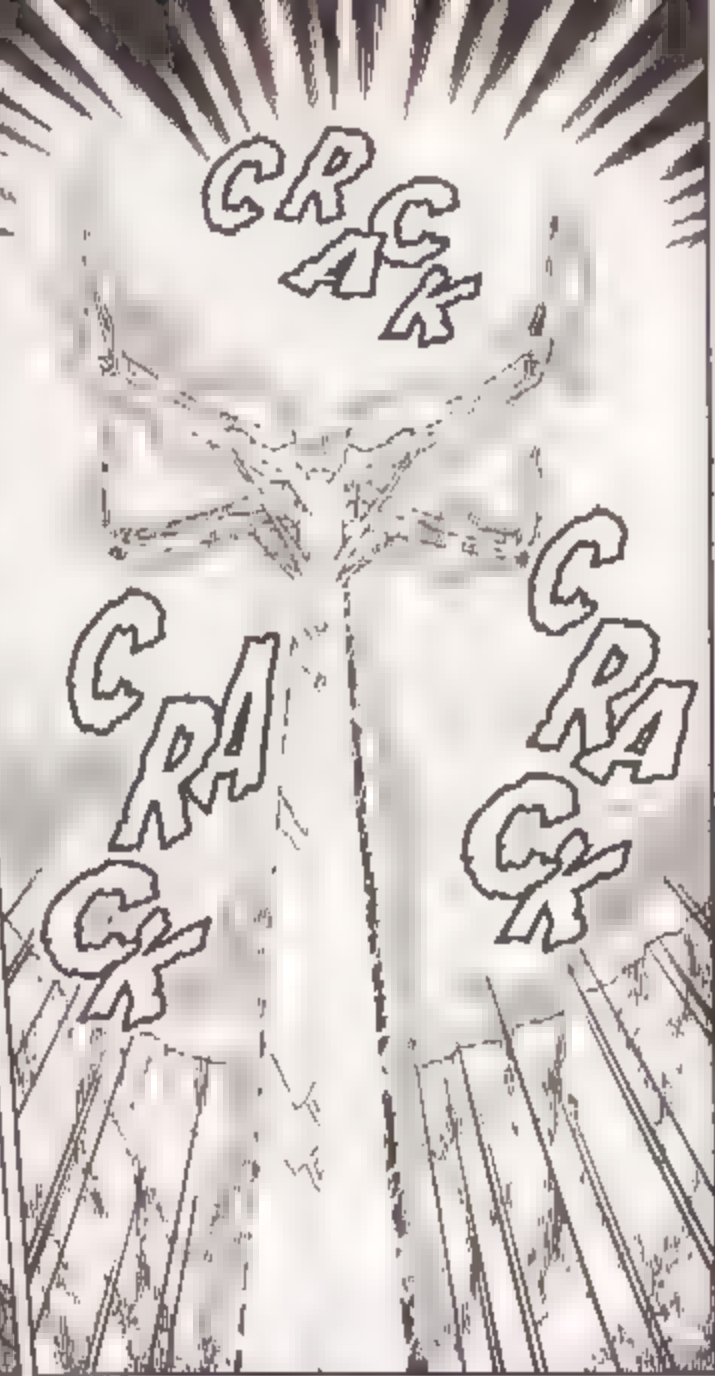
ARRGH!
HOW COULD
YOU KEEP
US WAITING
SO LONG?

HE
KNOCKED
OUT THAT
HUMUNGIOUS
DRAGON
IN TWO
HITS!



TAKUMI!

19th turn Change





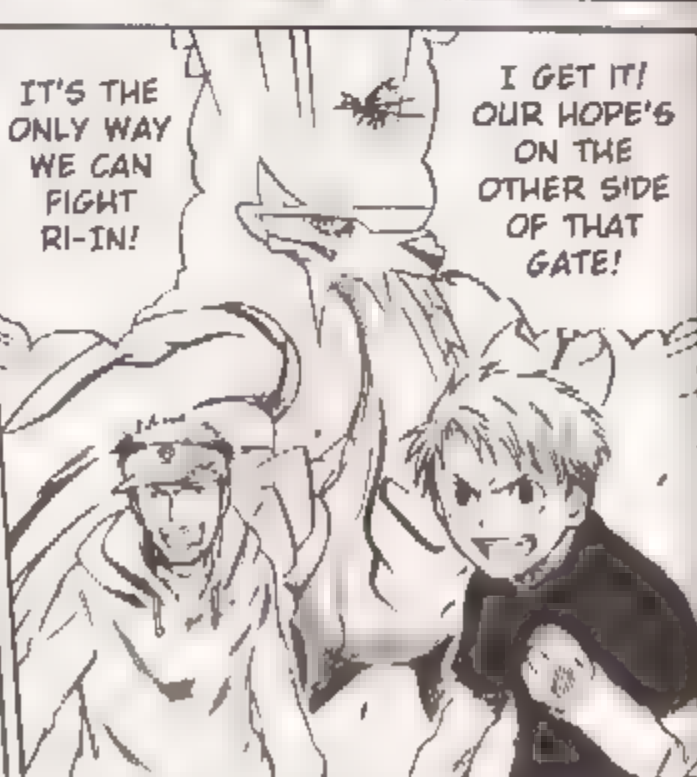
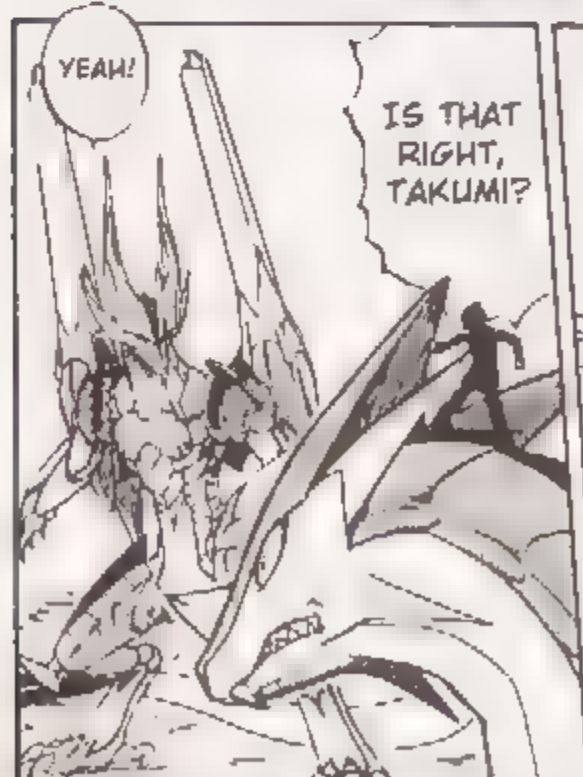
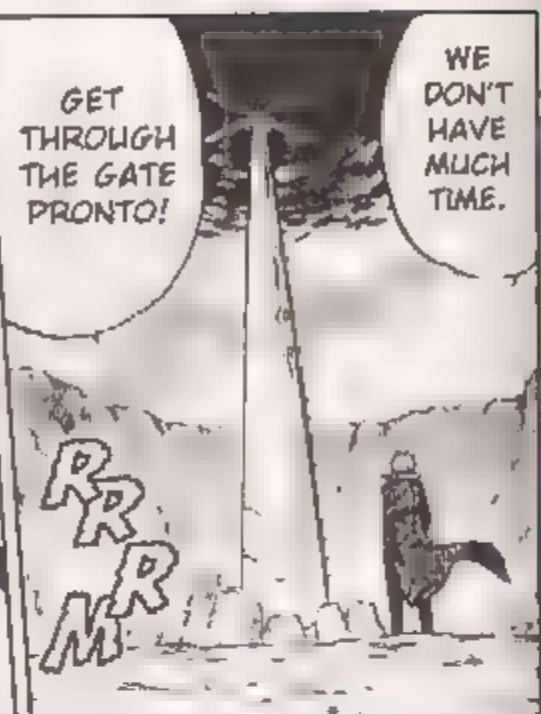
ME-
GURU...
SIS...

...THE
GATE TO
RIKYU IS
OPEN!!

I WANT
YOU TO USE
THE PORTAL
TO EVACUATE
THE RAIKOO
MASTERS TO
RIKYU.



JUST
THIS ONCE,
I'M GOING
TO OPEN A
PORTAL
BETWEEN
EARTH AND
RIKYU.

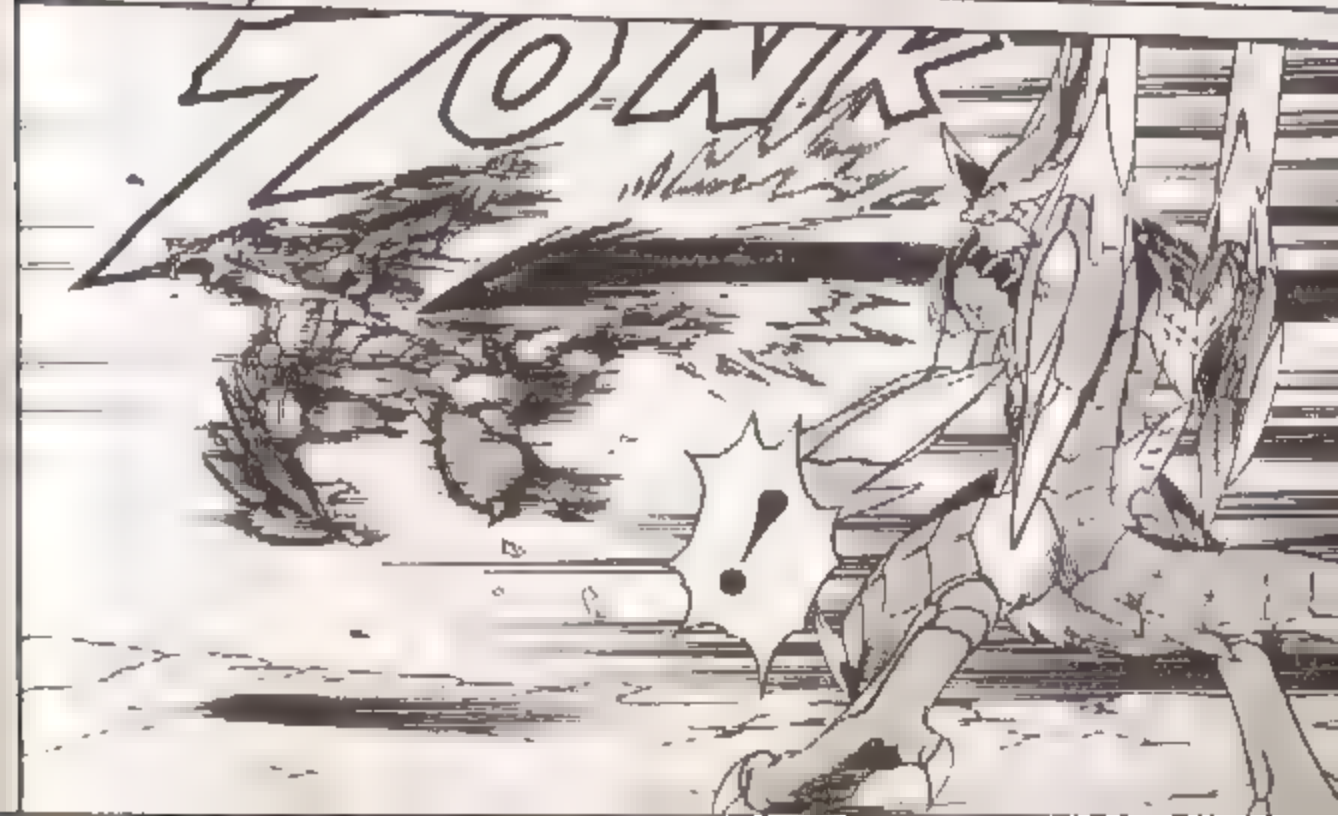


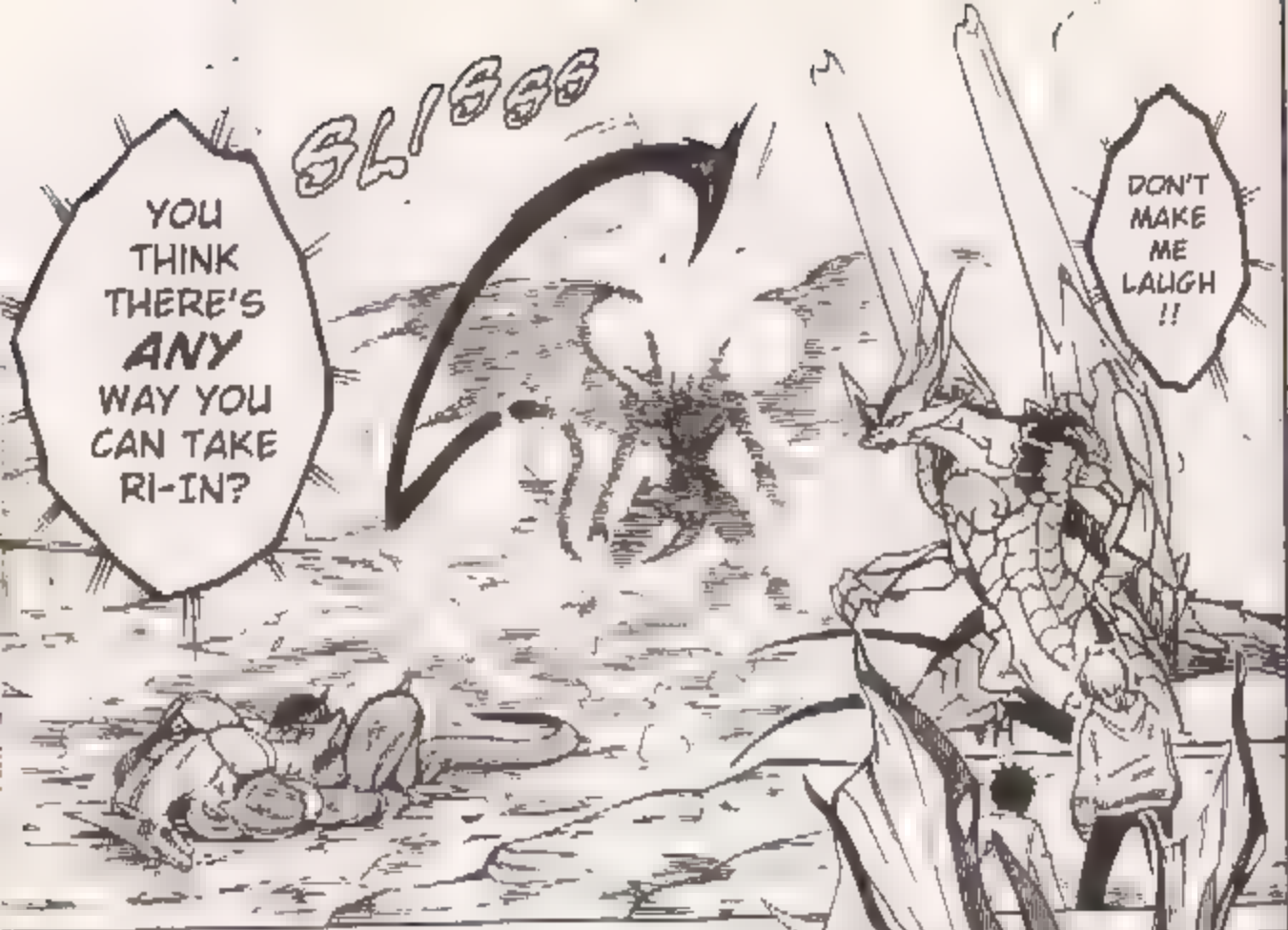


RIGHT!

WE'RE
GOING TO
FIGHT TO
PROTECT
THE LITTLE
WORLDS
AROUND
US!!

IT'S
JUST
LIKE
YOU
SAID.





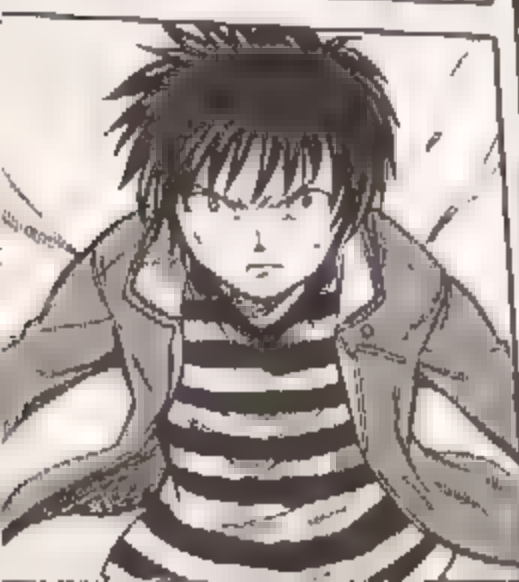
YOU
THINK
THERE'S
ANY
WAY YOU
CAN TAKE
RI-IN?

DON'T
MAKE
ME
LAUGH
!!



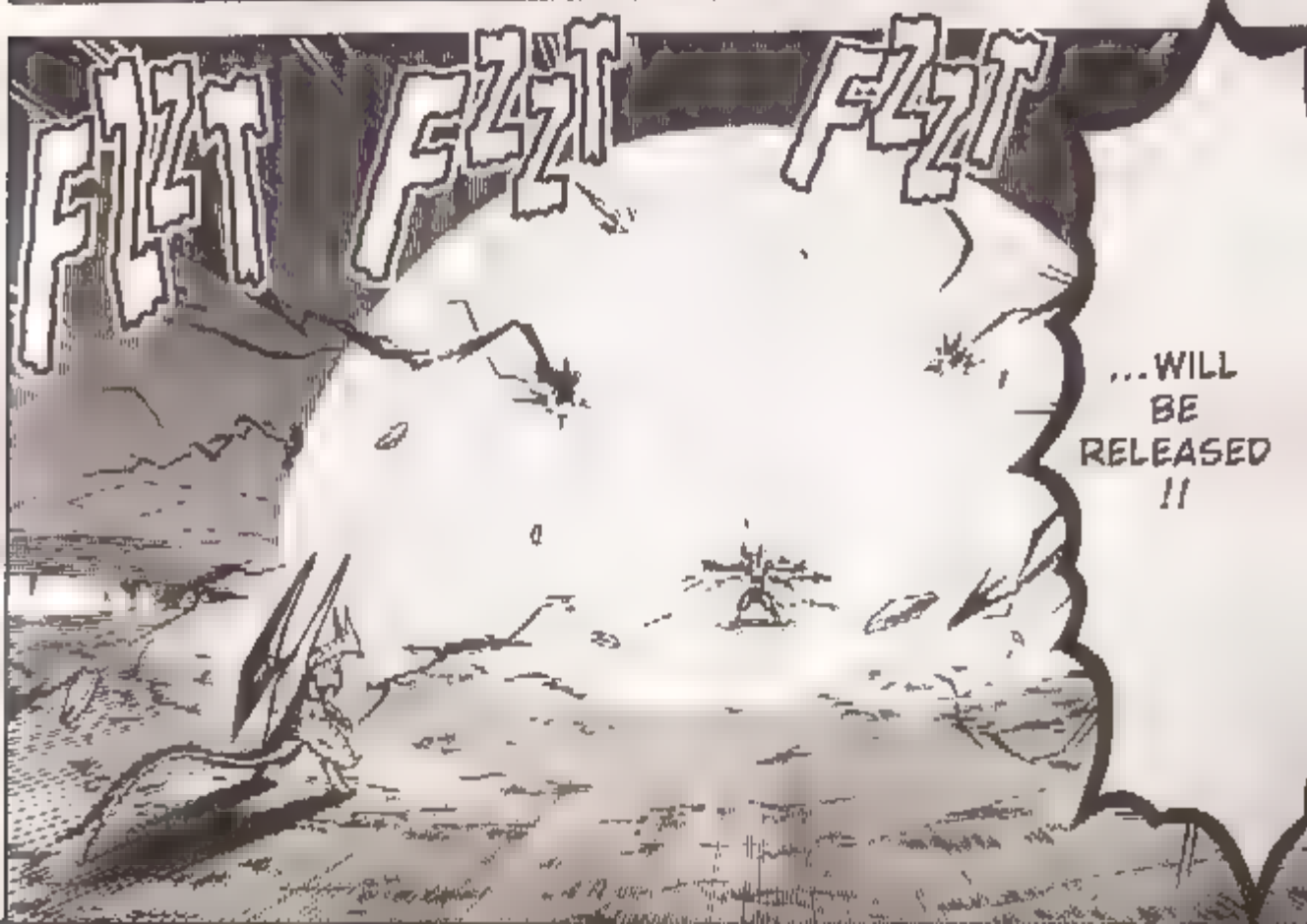
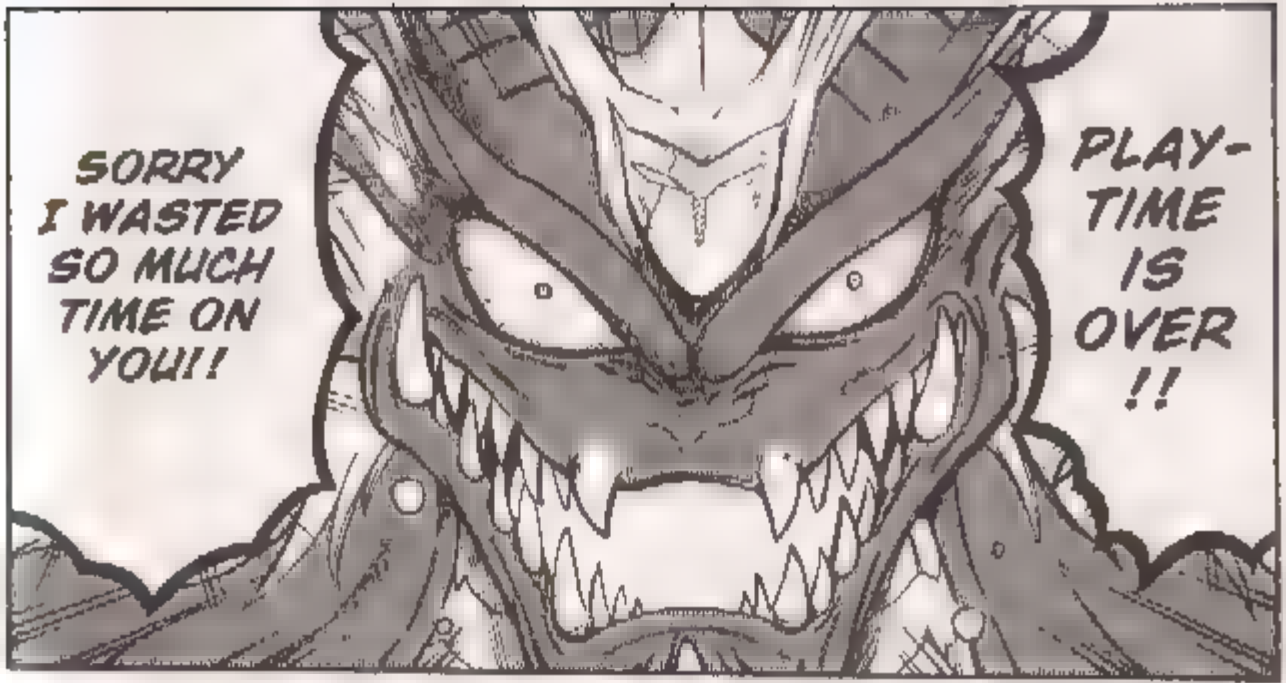
HE'S
STILL
ALIVE!!

URK!

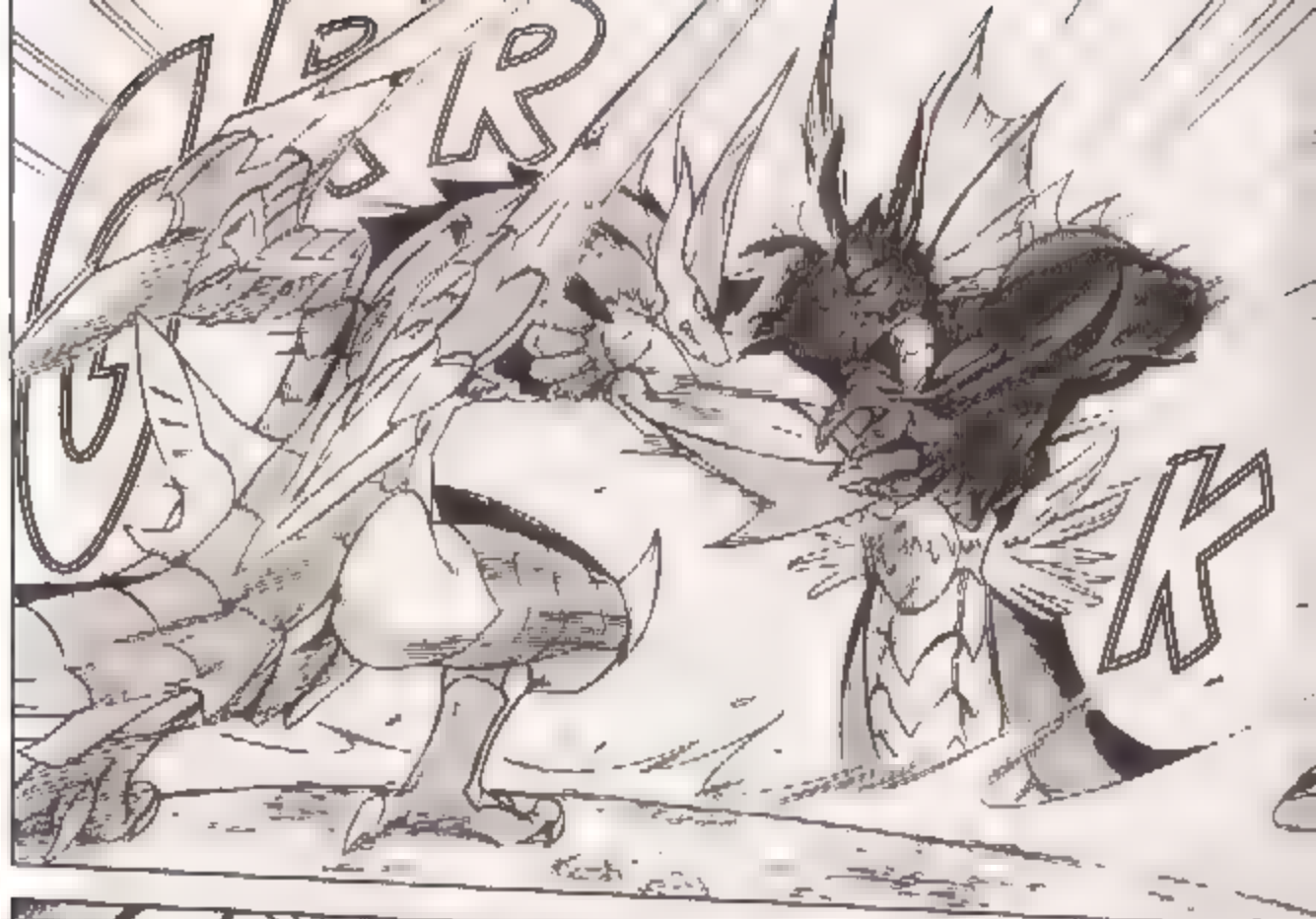


YOU
THINK...

...WE'RE
GONNA
LET YOU
LOSERS
GET TO
RIKYU?

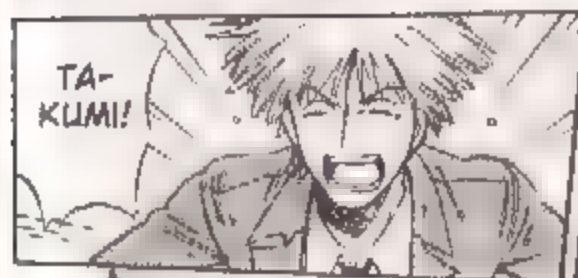
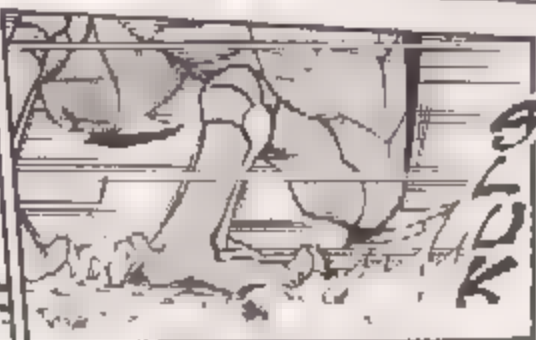






HE'S
COMPLETELY
CHANGED!!

SUCH
POWER!!



TA-
KUMI!



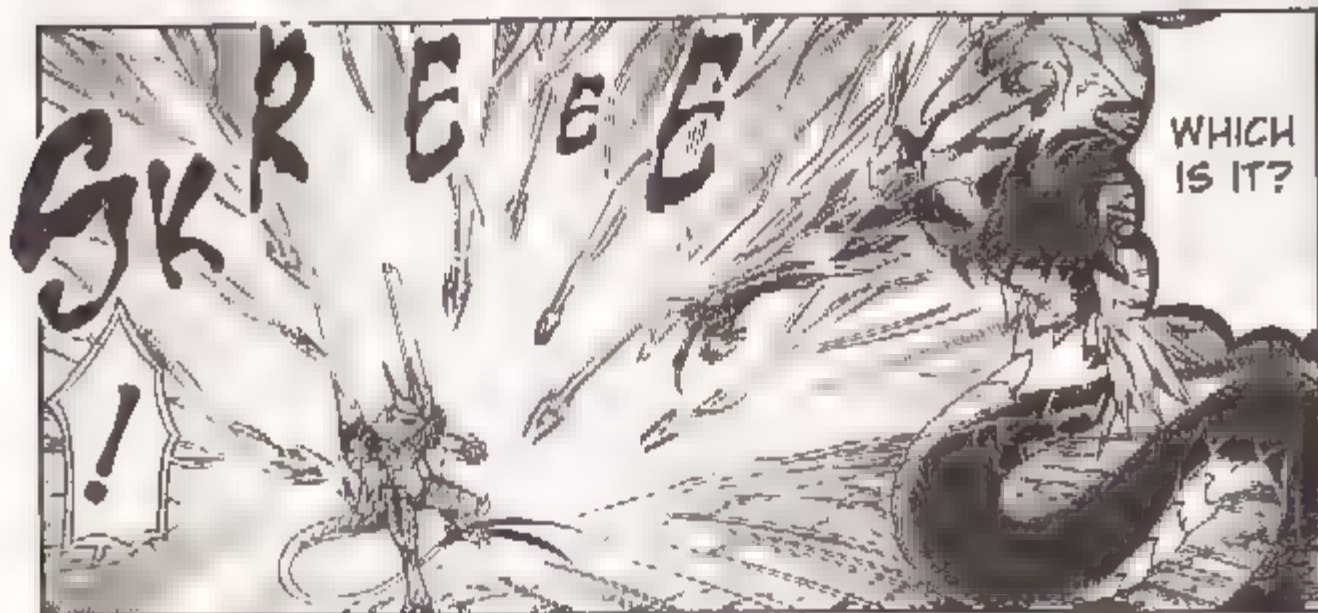
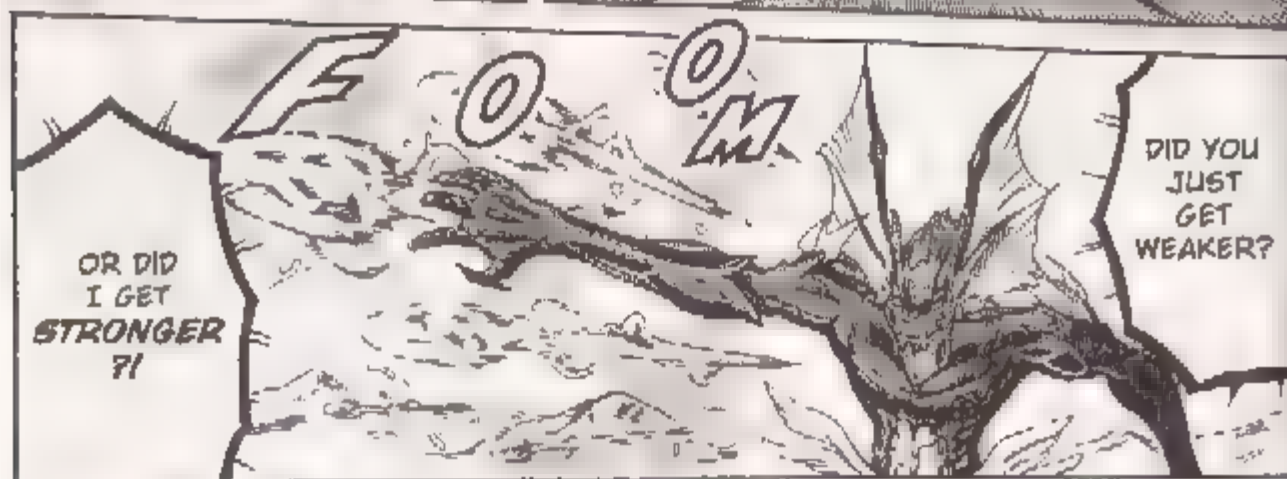
LEAVE
THIS TO
ME!

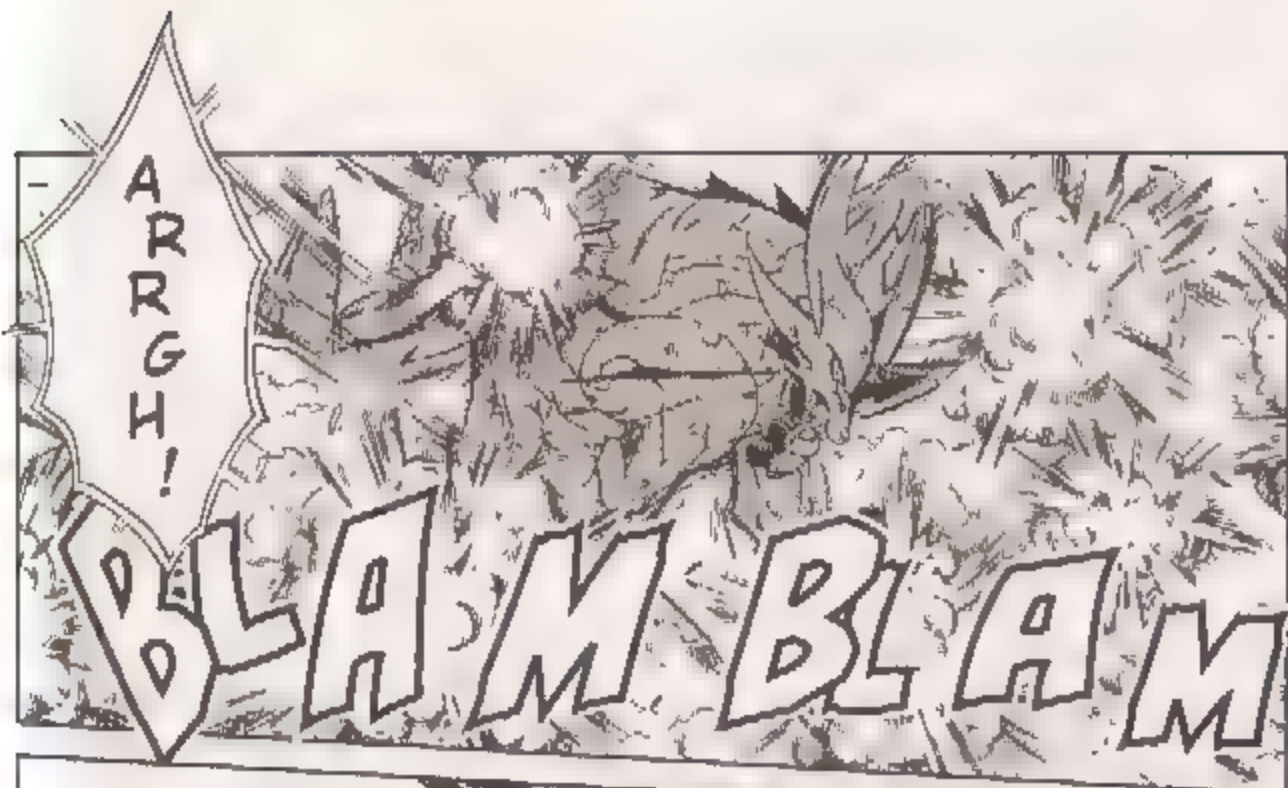
IT'S
OKAY,
EVERY-
BODY!

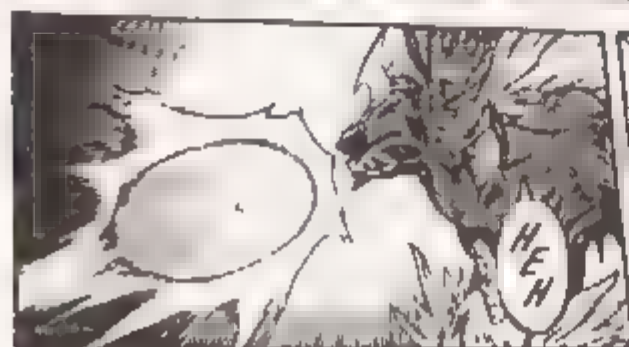
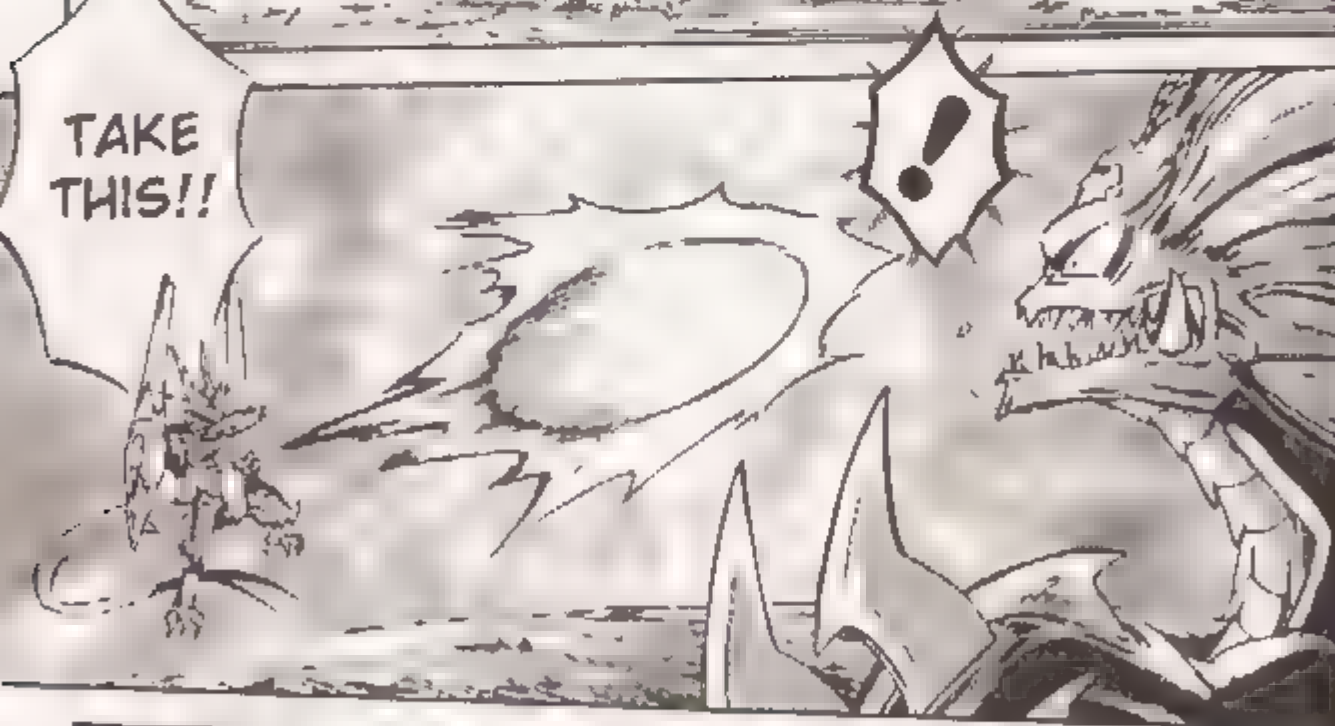
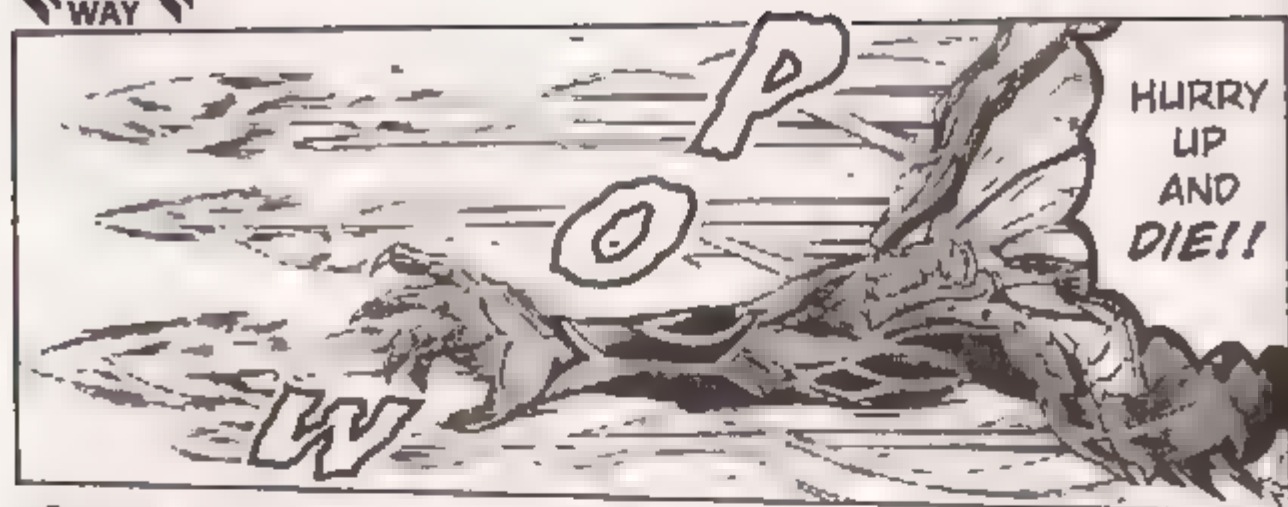


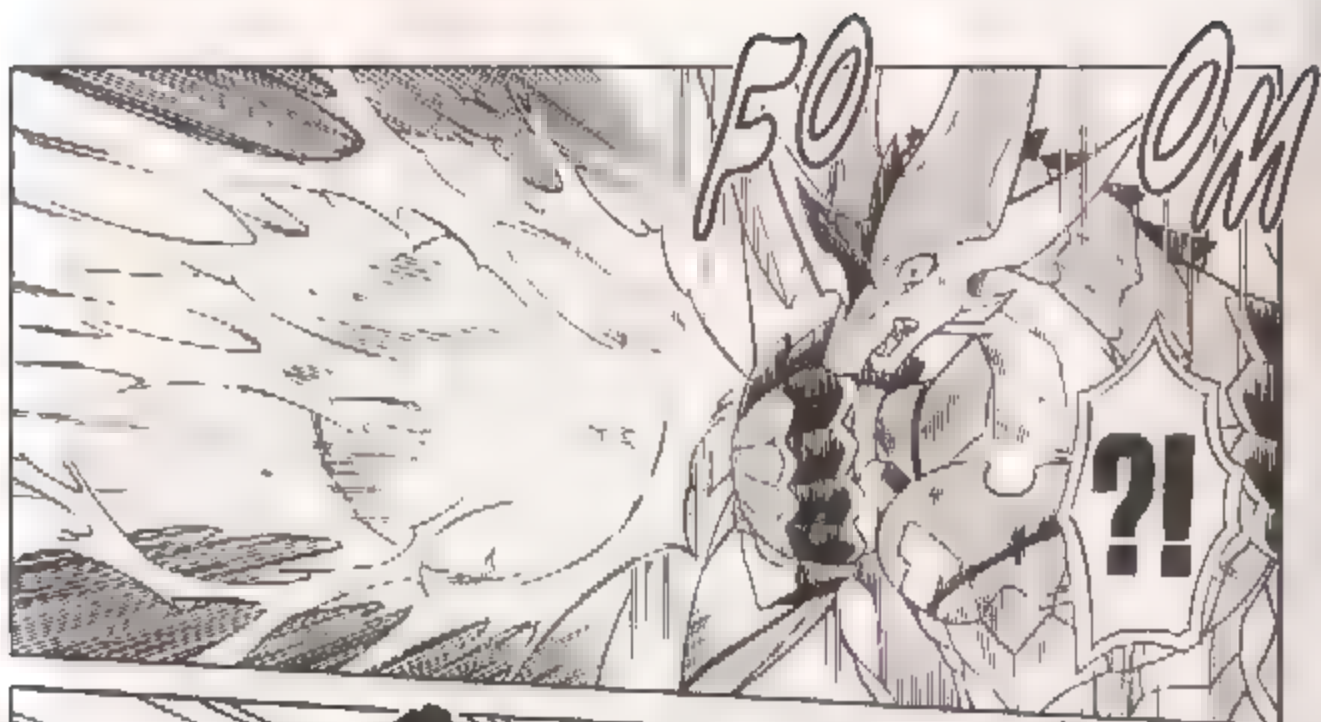
UGH!

WAK









I'M
OKAY...
BUT IT
HAPPENED
SO
QUICKLY
...

RAI-
KOO?
ARE YOU
OKAY?



HE
REFLECTED
THE
ATTACK
BACK AT
US!

THAT
WAS
FAST!

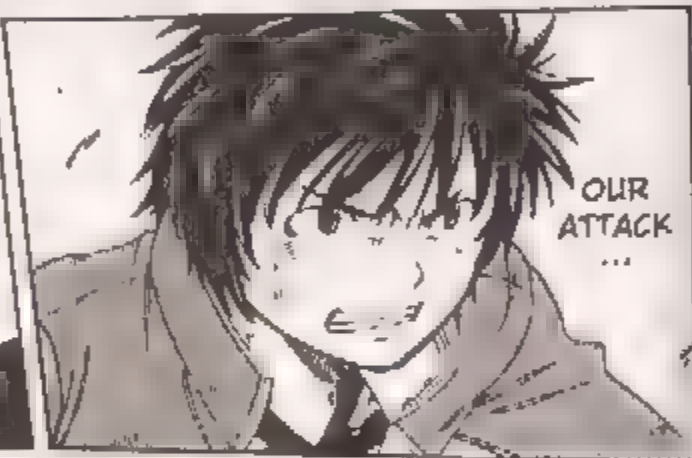


DID IT
HURT, OR
ARE YOU
TOO WEAK
TO BRING
IT?

LIKE
THE
TASTE
OF YOUR
OWN
ATTACK?



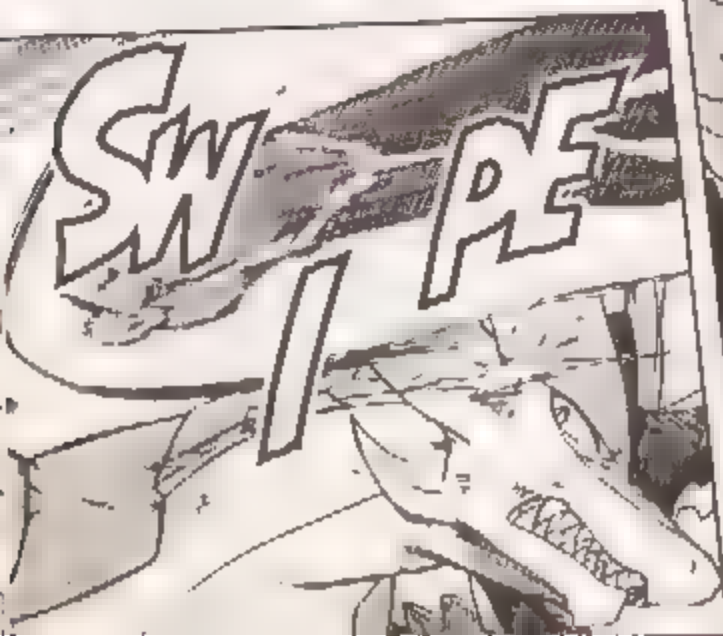
IF
YOU'RE
TOO SCARED
TO COME
AFTER ME
LET **ME**
STEP UP!!



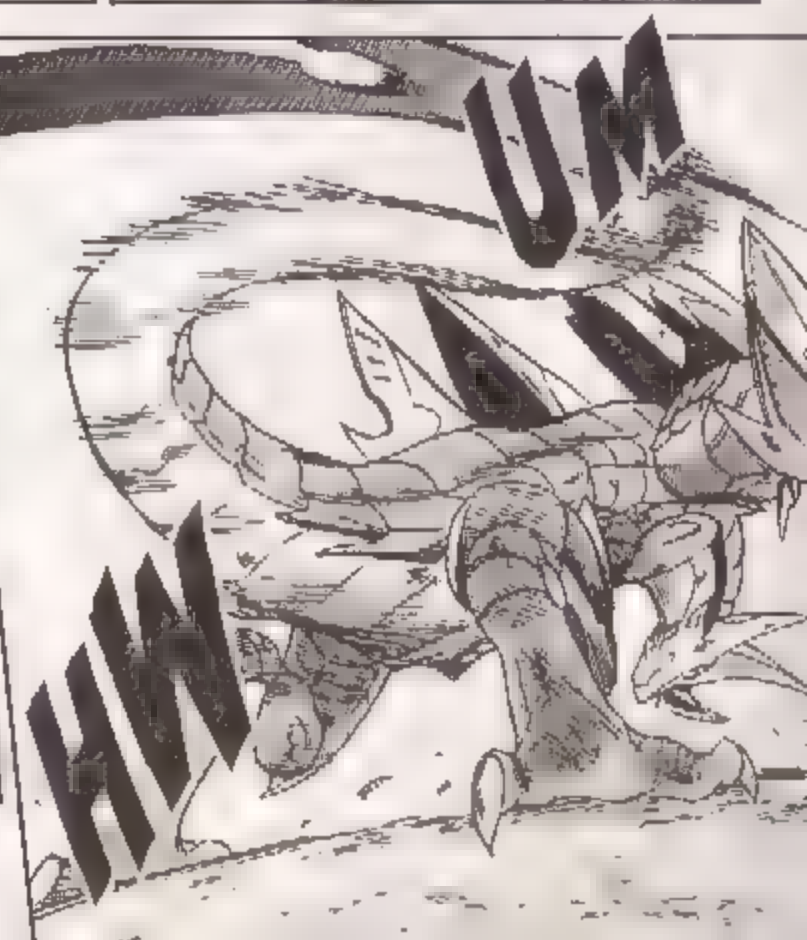
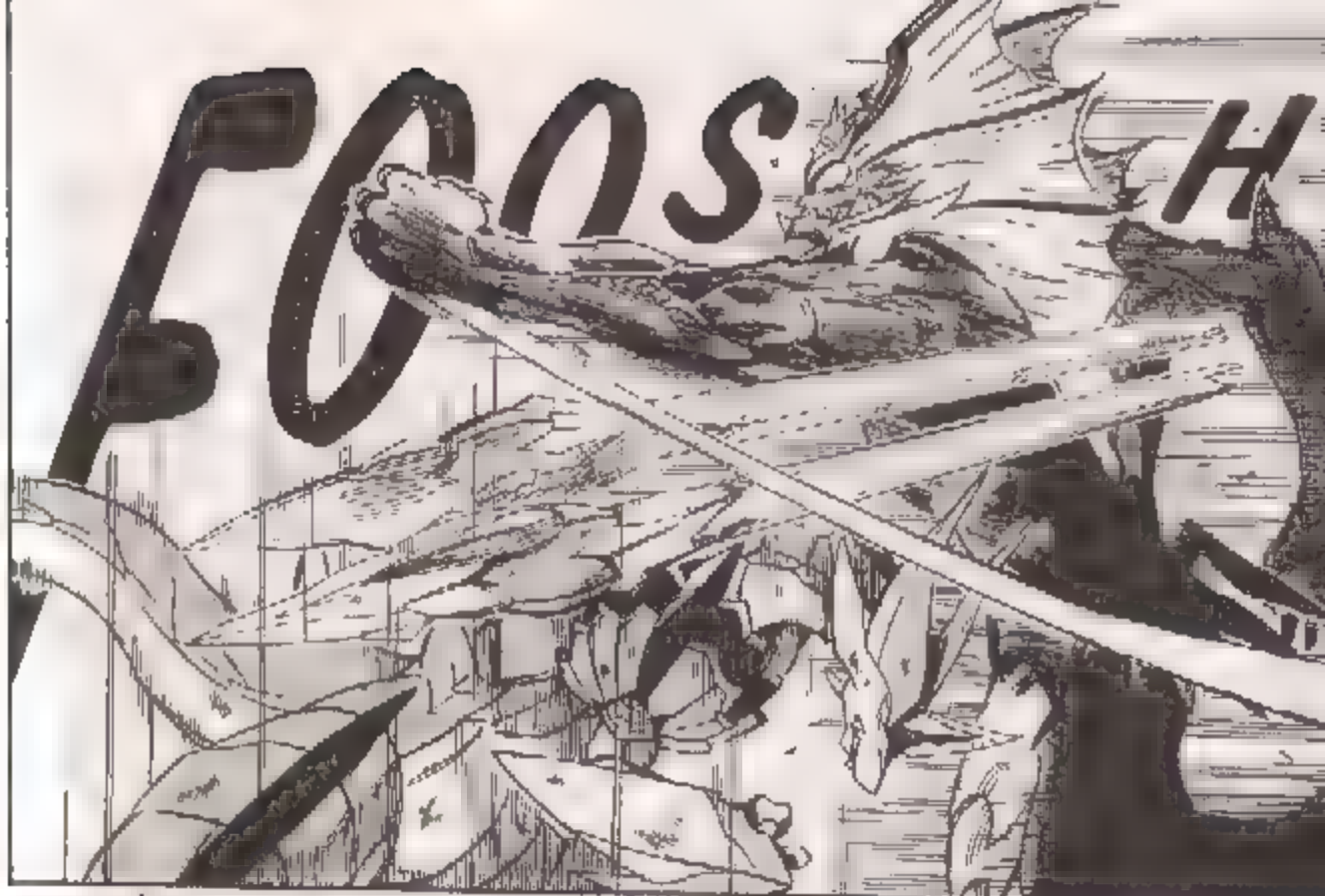
OUR
ATTACK
...

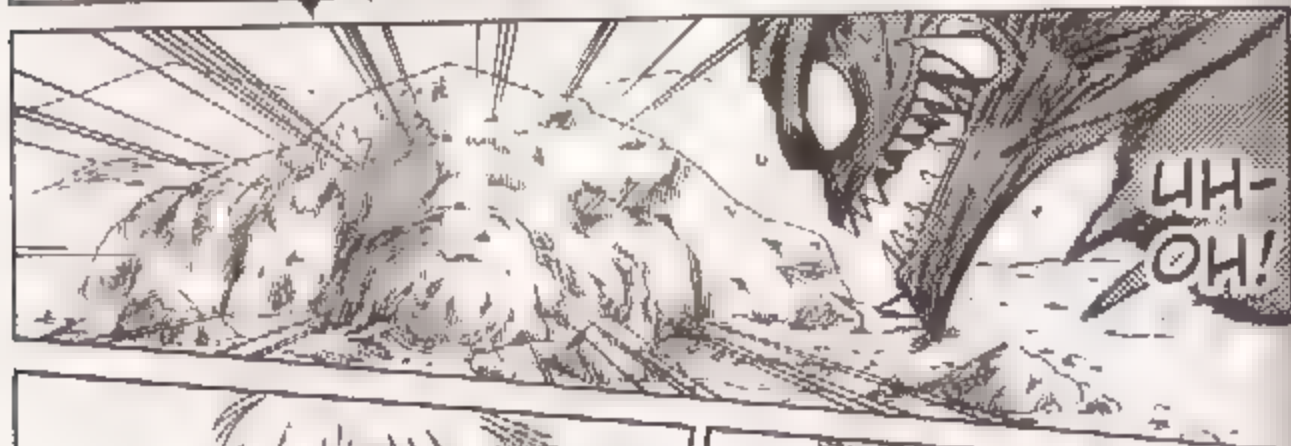
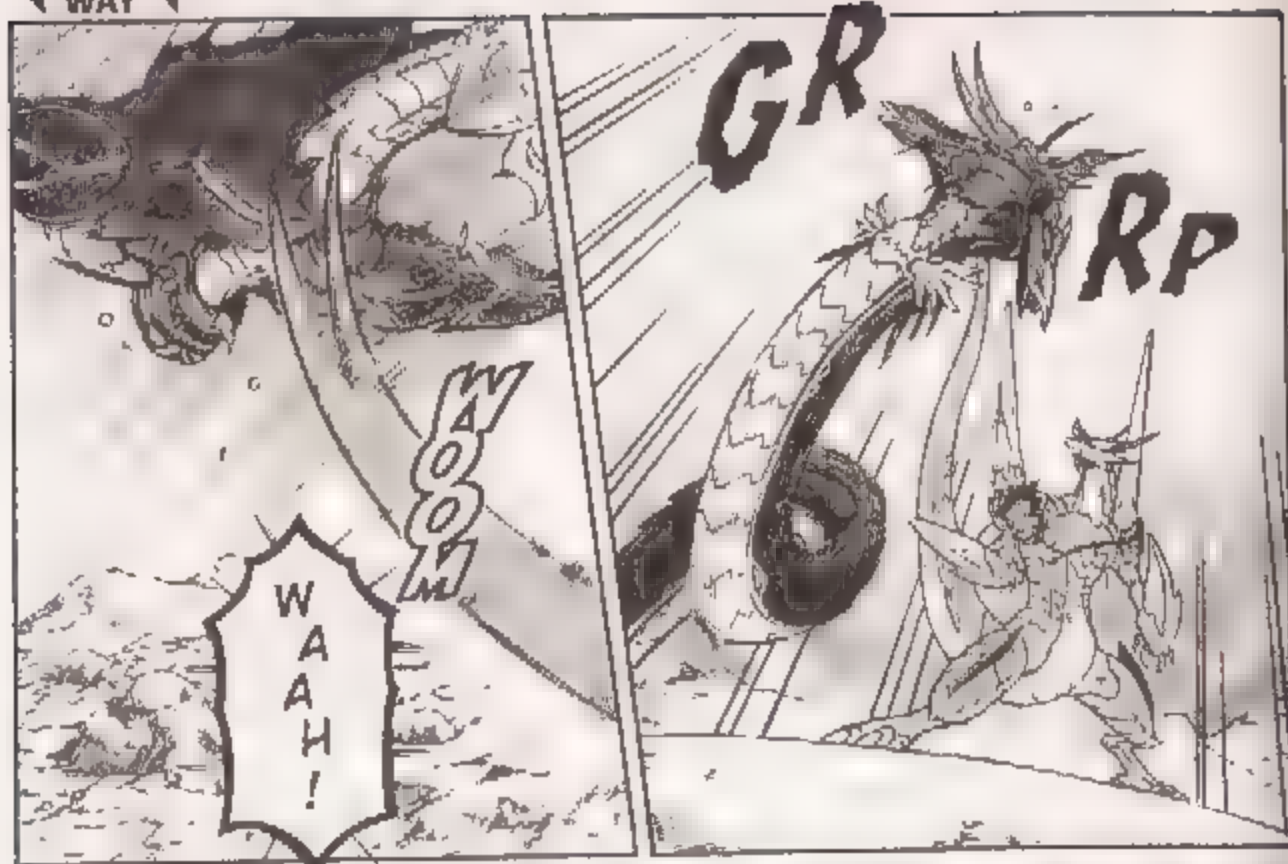


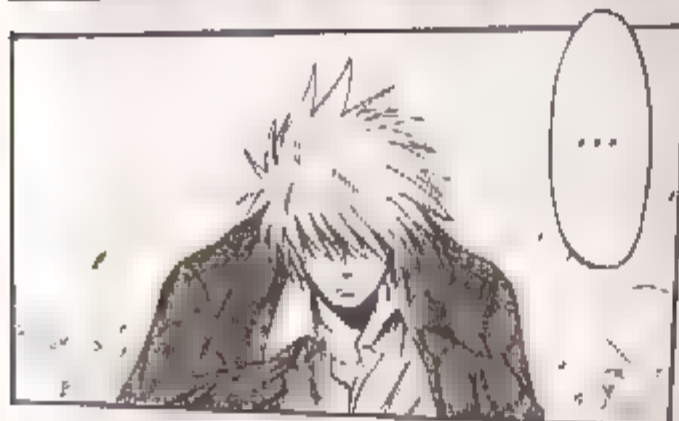
HURGH!!



SWIPE







MEIRAHAI!

*SCREAMING THUNDER WAVE

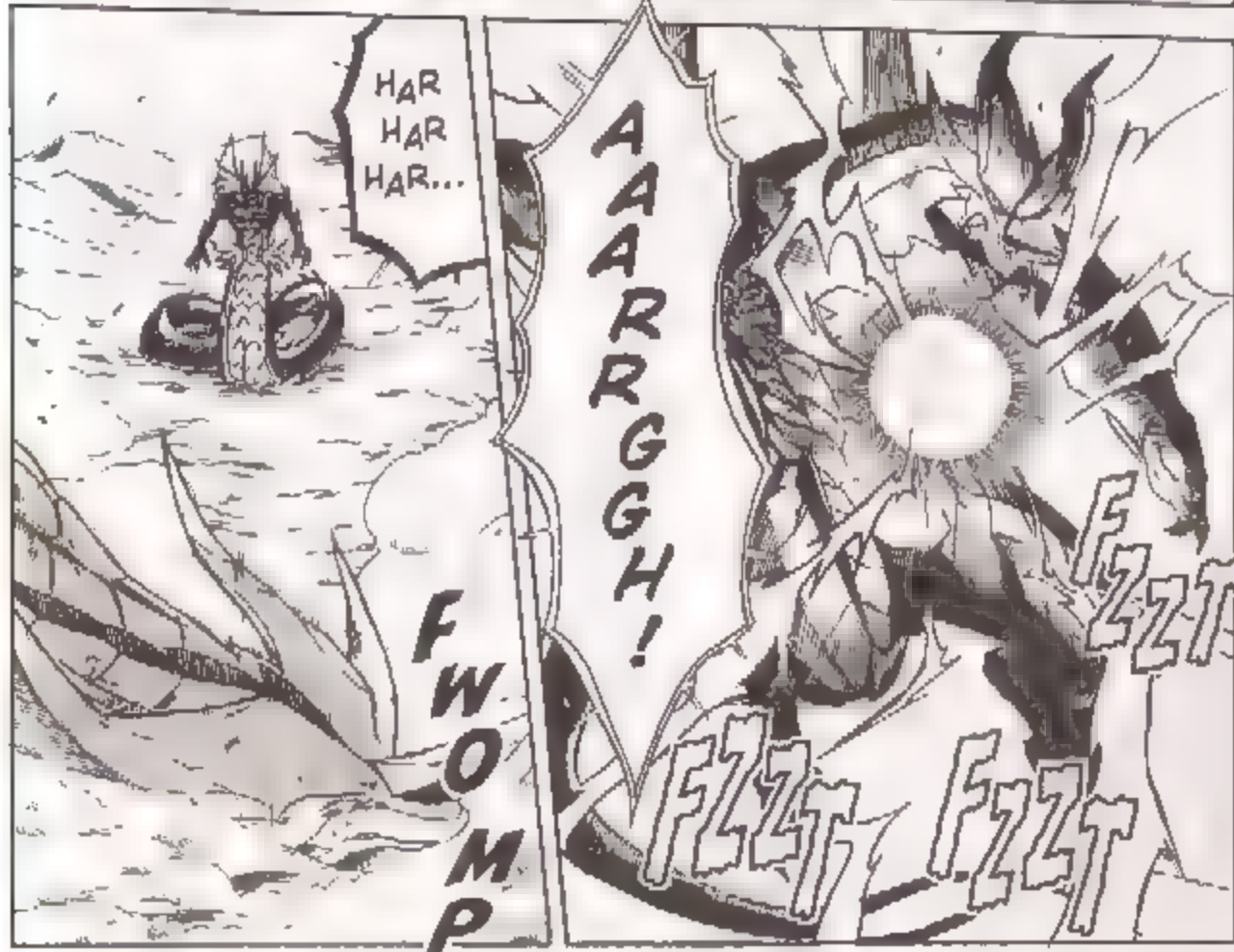
**S
RK
E
E**

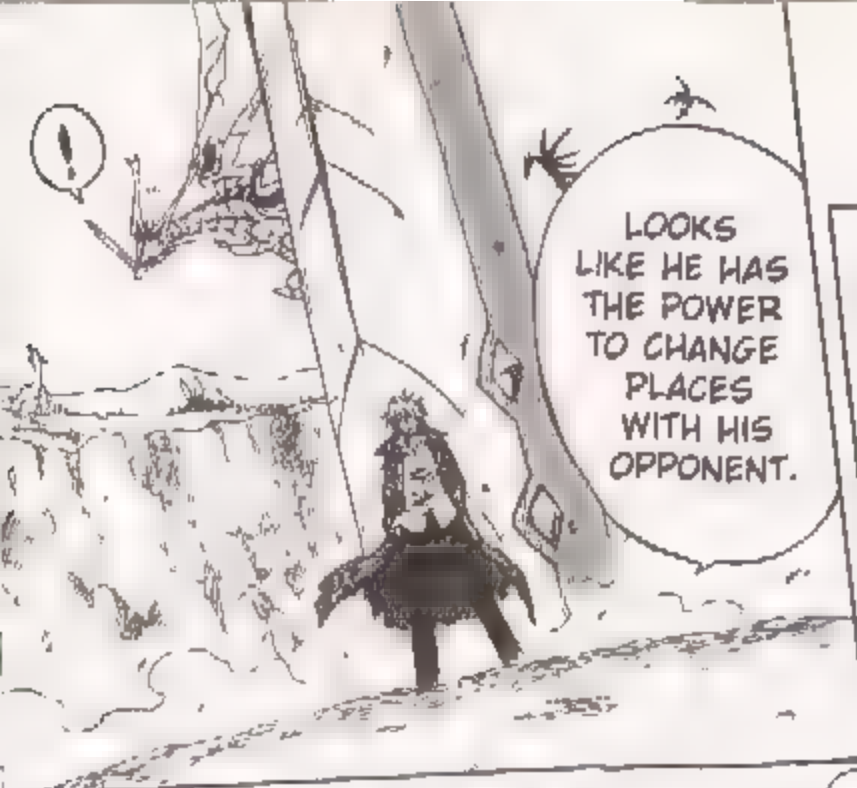
CHANGELING!!

**THAT'S
NO
GOOD!**

BA

M



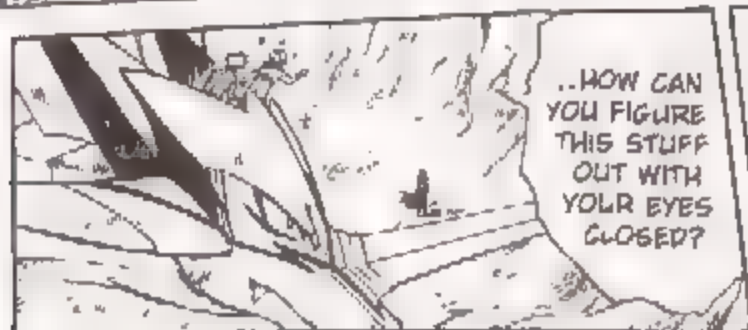


LOOKS
LIKE HE HAS
THE POWER
TO CHANGE
PLACES
WITH HIS
OPPONENT.



OH NO!
WHAT
NOW?

TA-
KUMI!

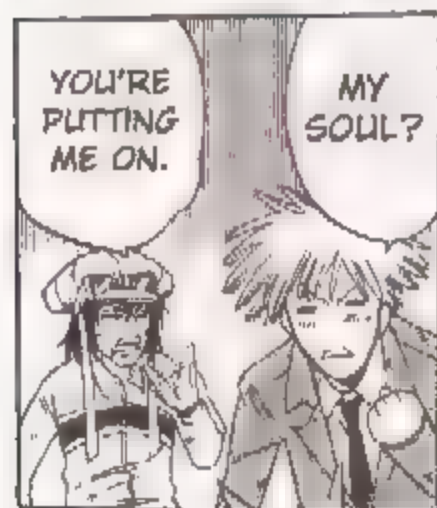


...HOW CAN
YOU FIGURE
THIS STUFF
OUT WITH
YOUR EYES
CLOSED?



HEY
...

THE BEST
DEFENSE
IS A GOOD
OFFENSE
...



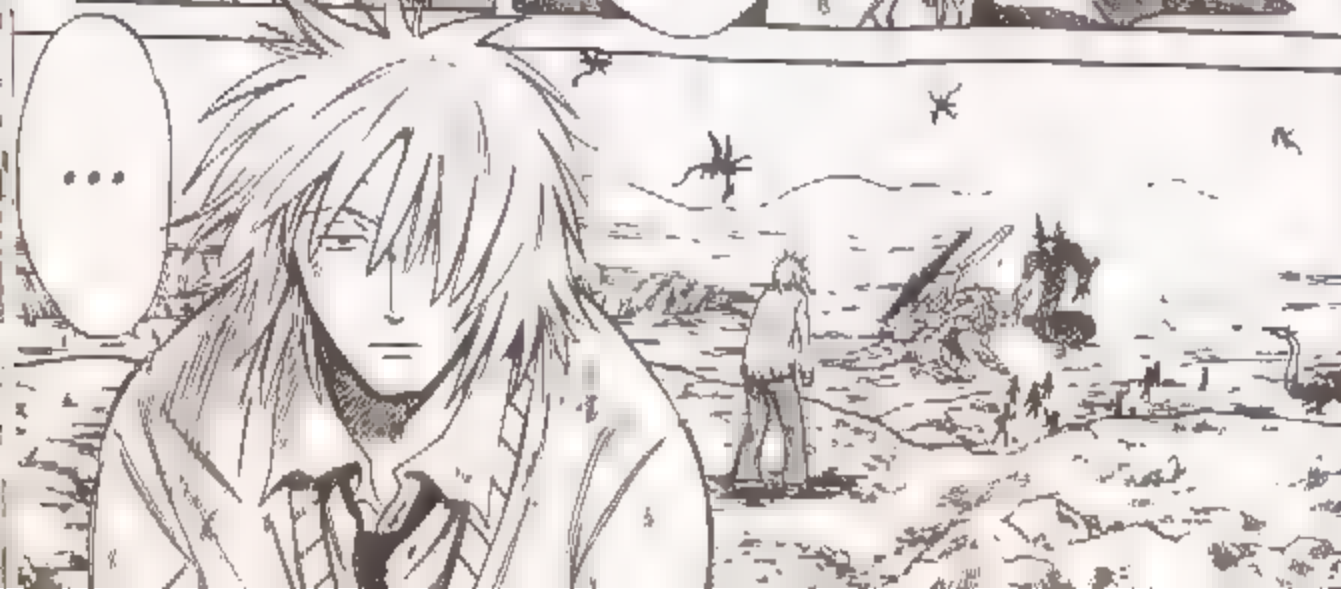
YOU'RE
PUTTING
ME ON.

MY
SOUL?

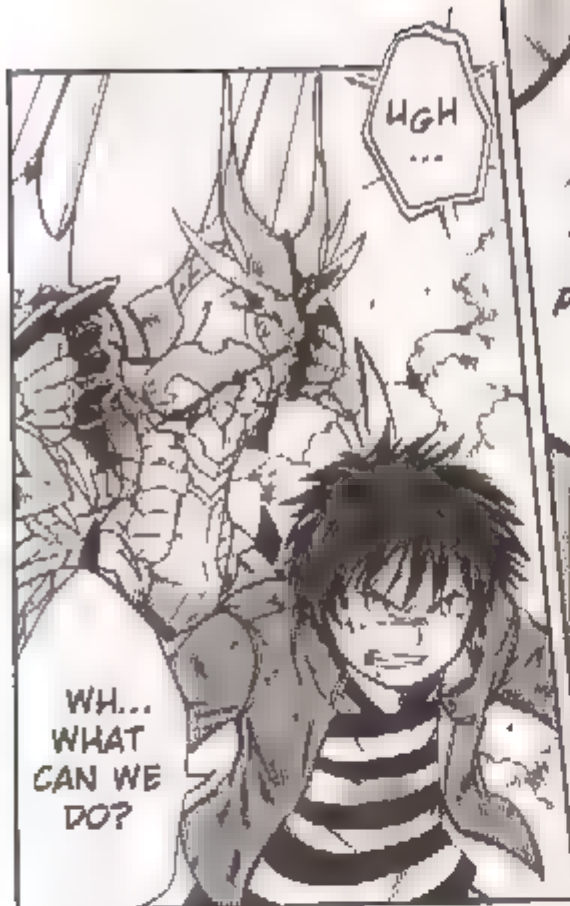


FEEL THE
DRAGON'S
MOVEMENTS
WITH YOUR
SOUL!

IF YOU
TRUST
YOUR EYES,
YOU'LL BE
DECEIVED.



...



WH...
WHAT
CAN WE
DO?

UGH
...

THIS
IS MY
TRUE
POWER!

BWA
HA
HA!
GET
IT
YET?

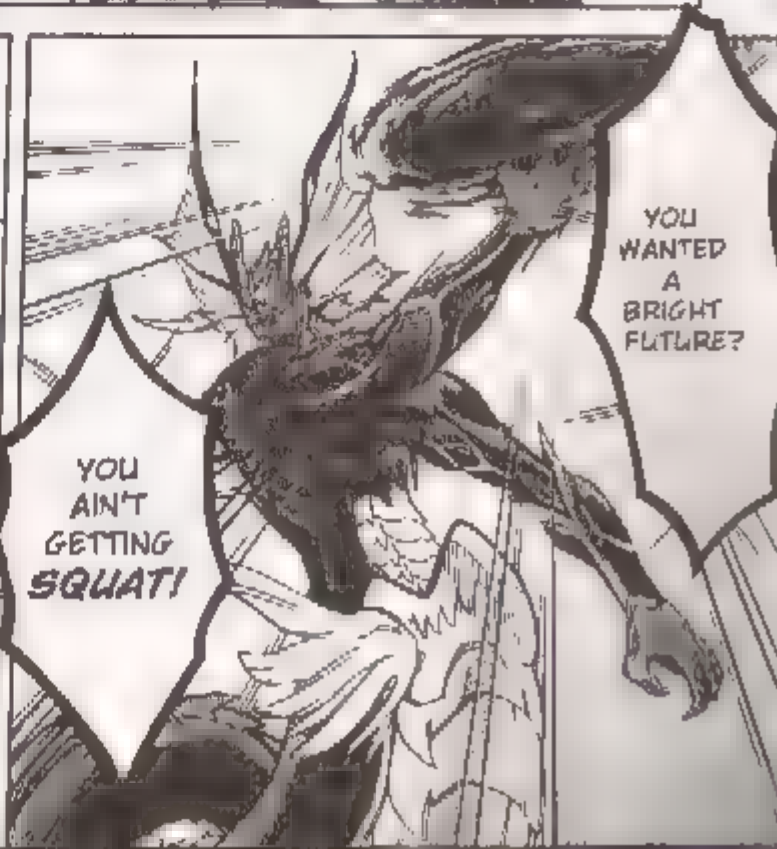


I'M
GONNA
TRASH
EVERY-
THING!!

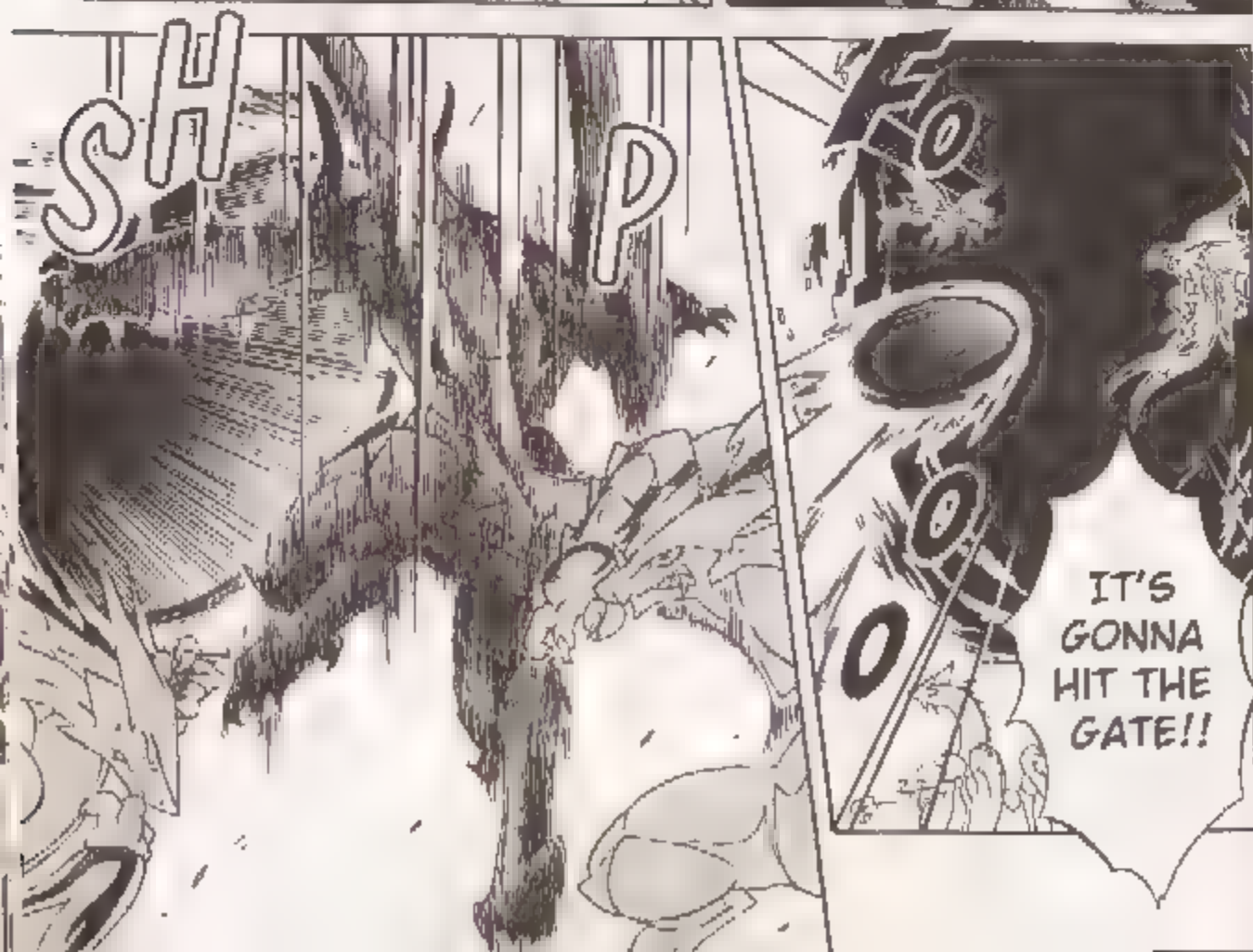
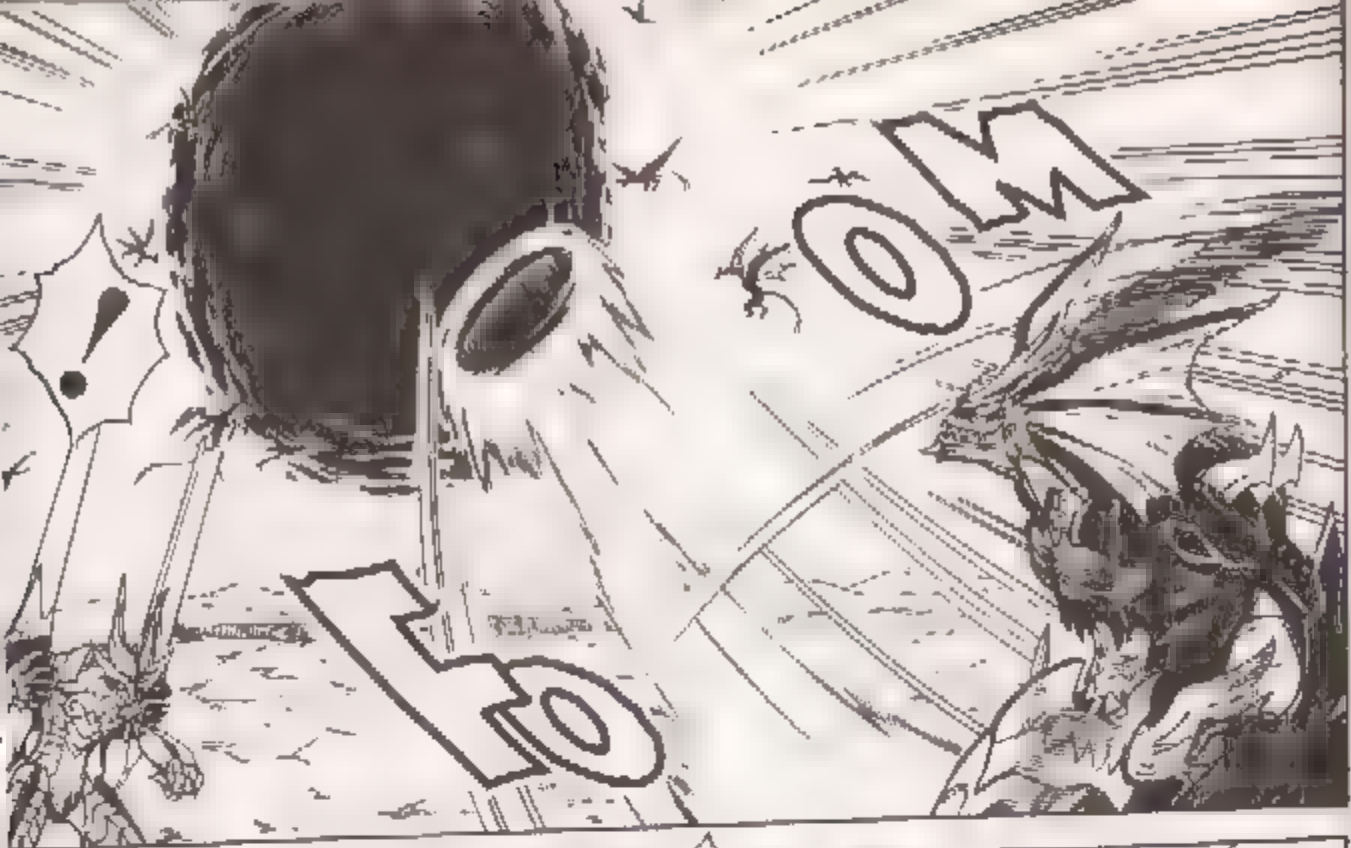
SO
LONG,
SUCKERS!



YOU
AIN'T
GETTING
SQUAT!



YOU
WANTED
A
BRIGHT
FUTURE?





OOPS!

HY UP

SWIPE

HURR GHI

AS LONG
AS I
HAVE THE
CHANGELING
POWER,
I'M
INVINCIBLE!

SETTLE
DOWN!
DON'T
YOU GET
IT?

UGH
...

WHY?

TARO?

HE'S
OKAY.

NO.

SHP

HE'S THROWING
BLIND PUNCHES!
HE HASN'T GOT
A PRAYER!!

OR
MAYBE...
TAKUMI'S
GONNA
HELP *US*
WIN.

HE
NEEDS
OUR HELP
TO WIN
THIS.

WAIT!
I DON'T
GET IT!!

HUH?

TELL
EVERY-
ONE!

!

I
GET
IT!

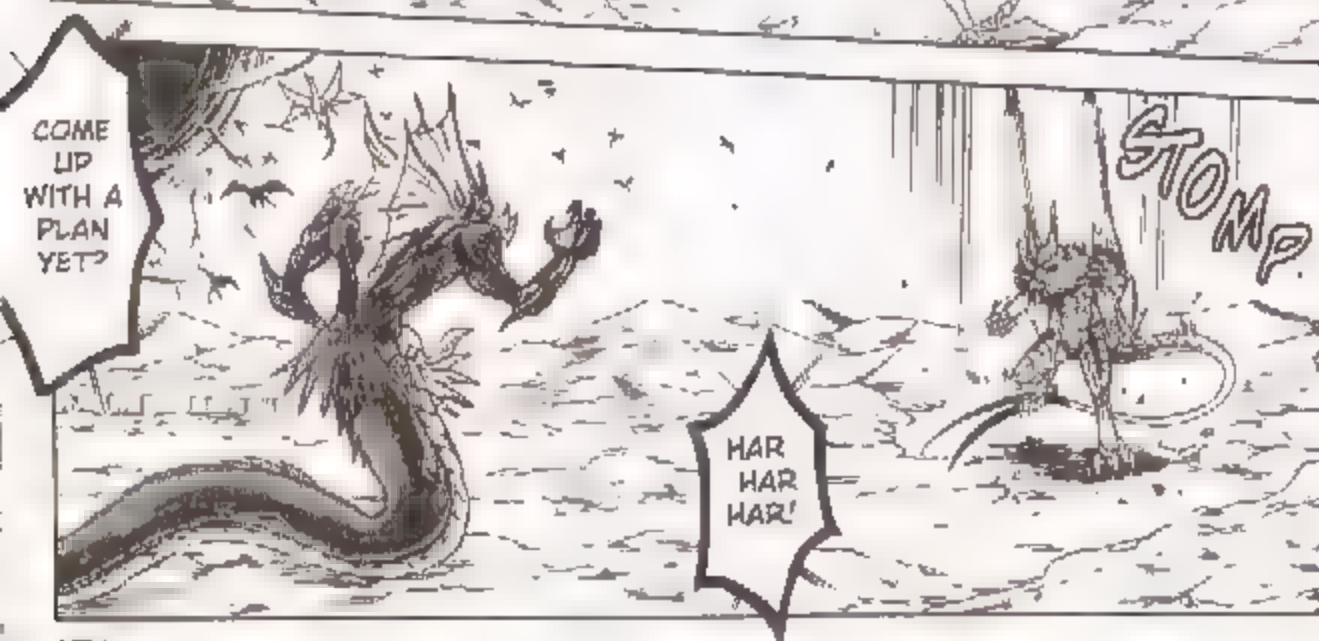
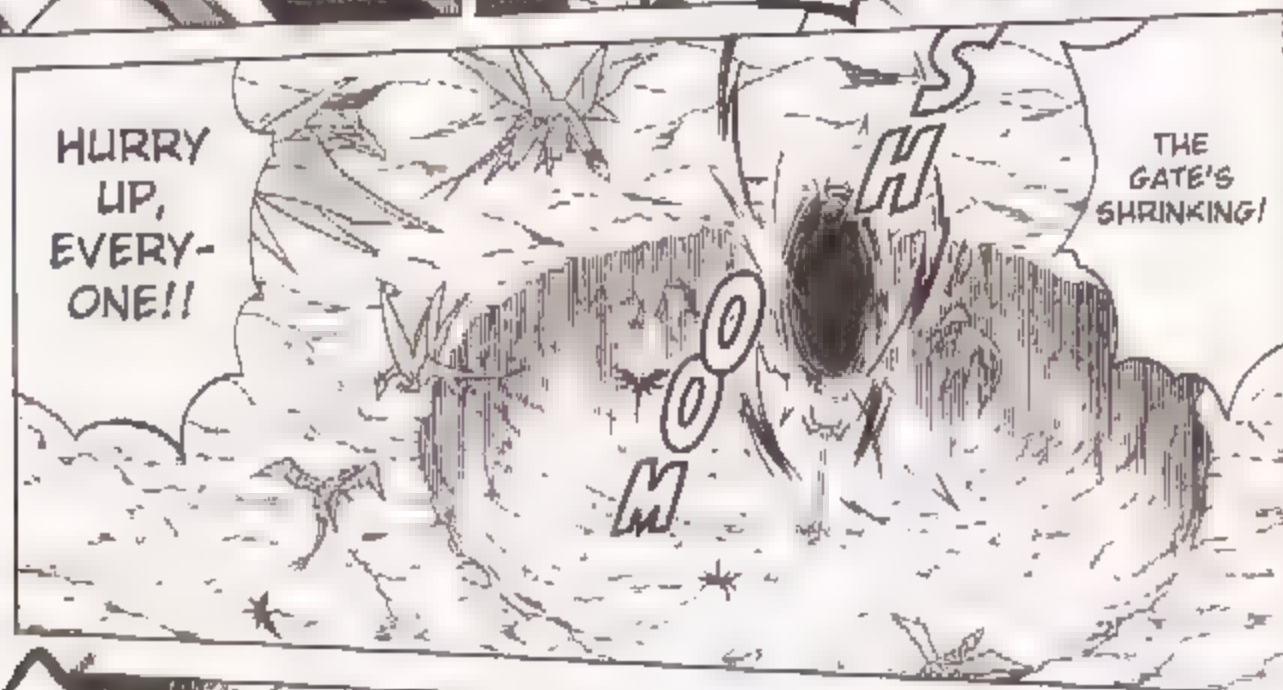
HUH?

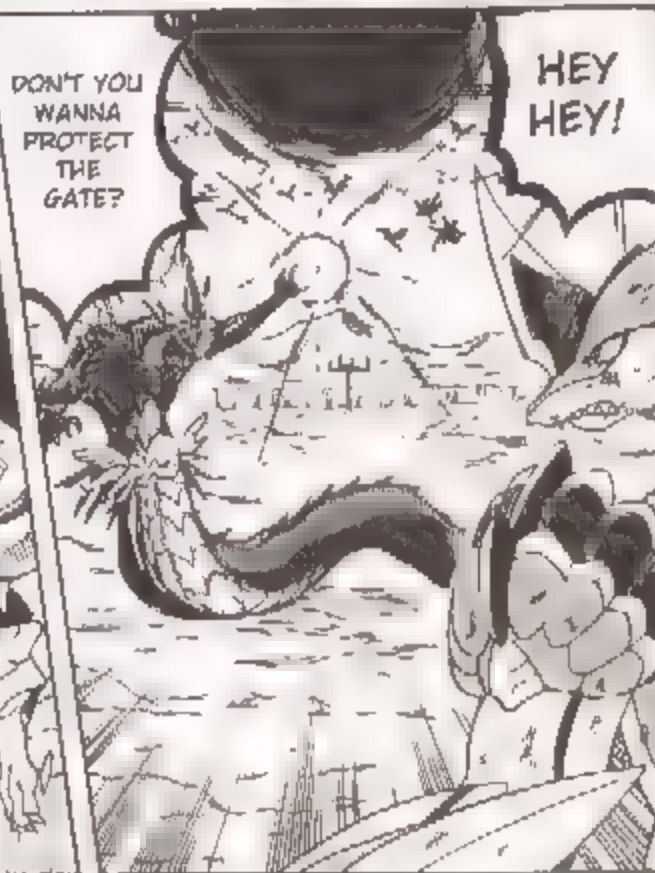
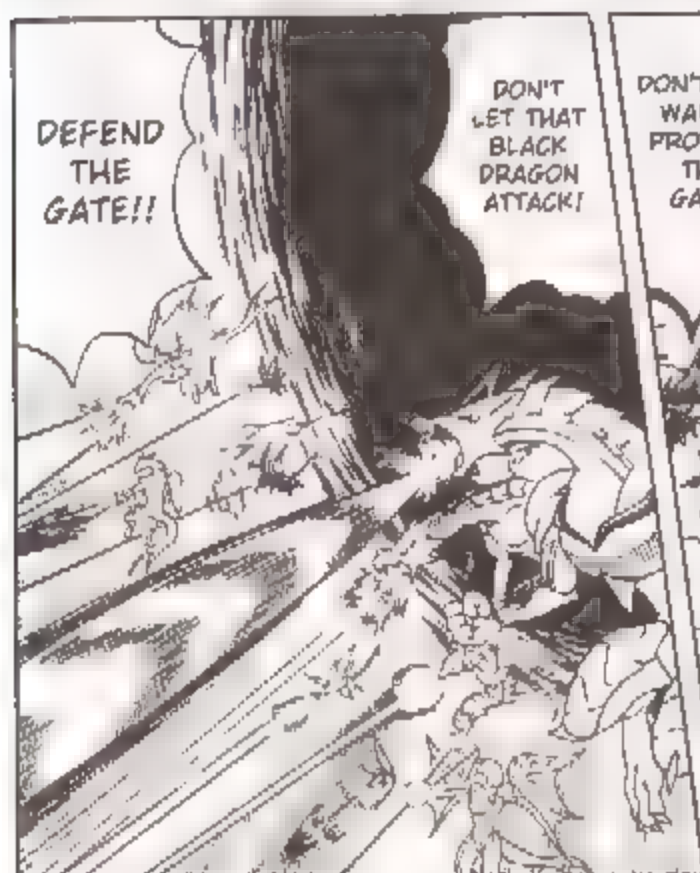
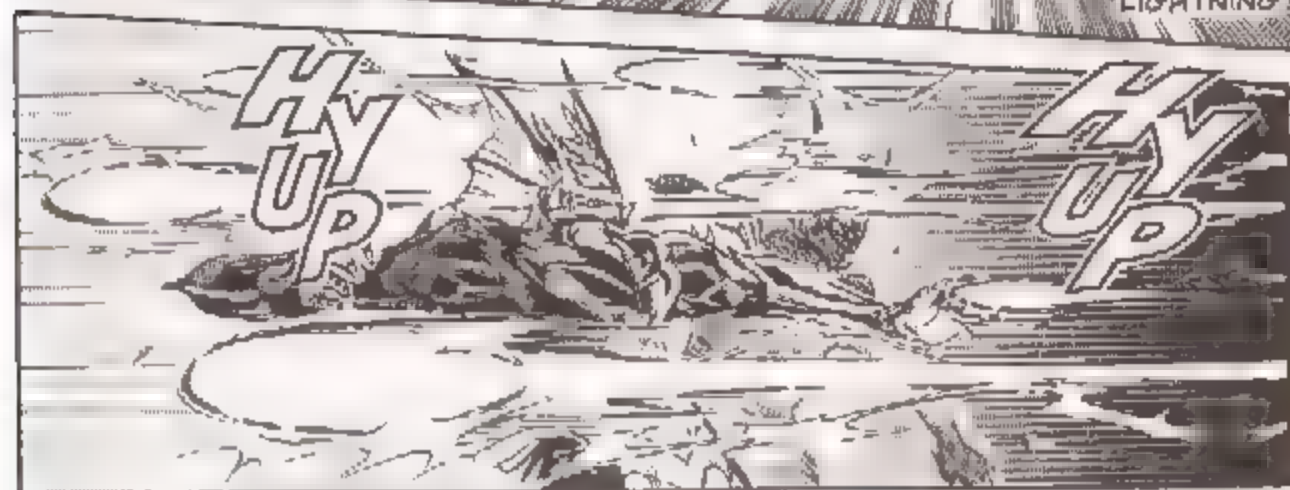
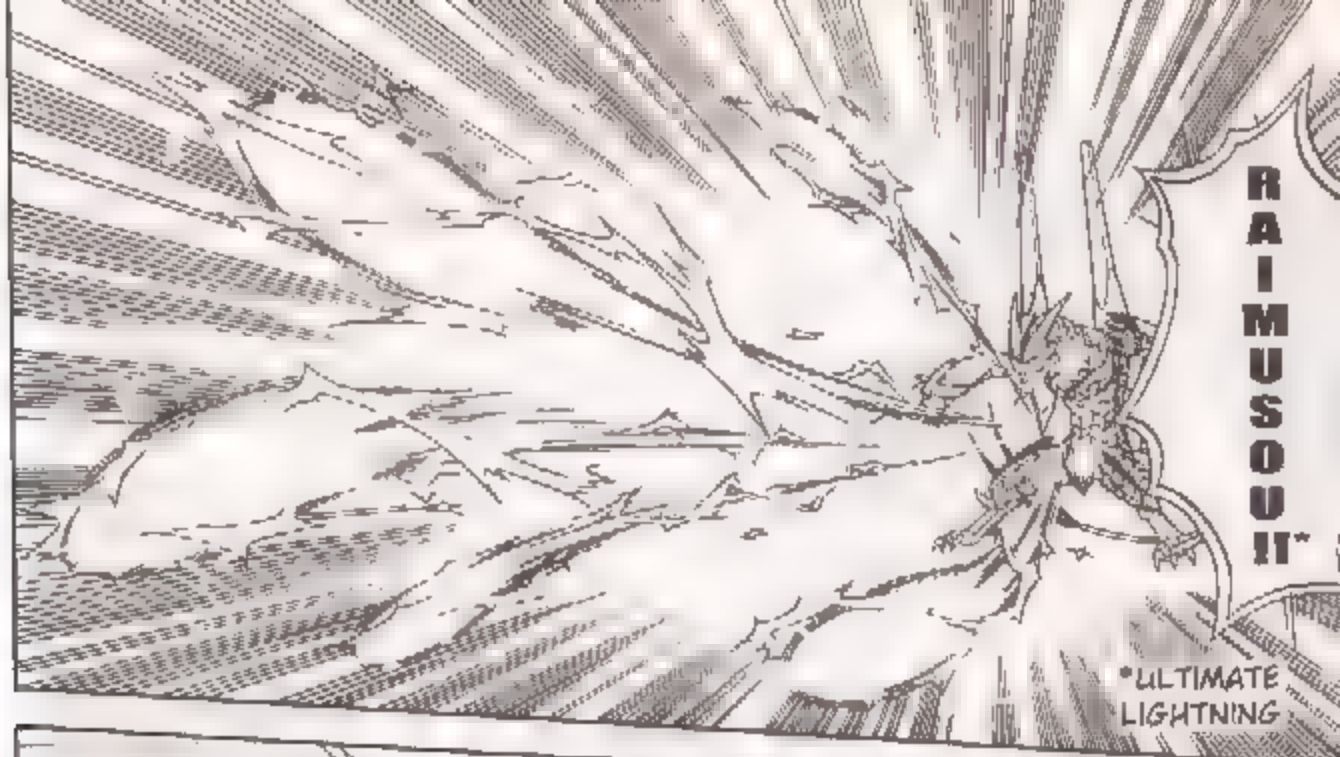
!

TA-
KUMI!

HIT
HIM WITH
THE BIGGEST
MEIRAIHA
YOU'VE
GOT!

WE'RE
WATCHING
YOU!





THOSE
SMALL
FRIES
ARE
GETTING
CHEEKY!

WHOA,
THAT
WAS
CLOSE!

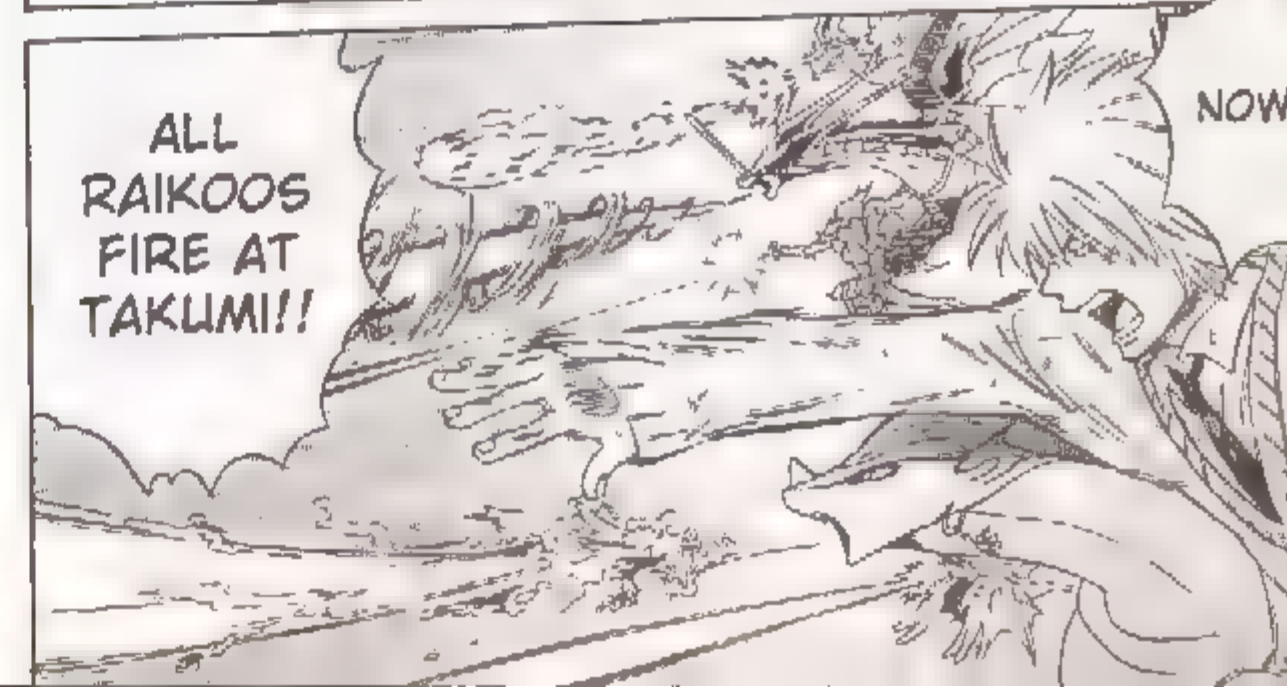
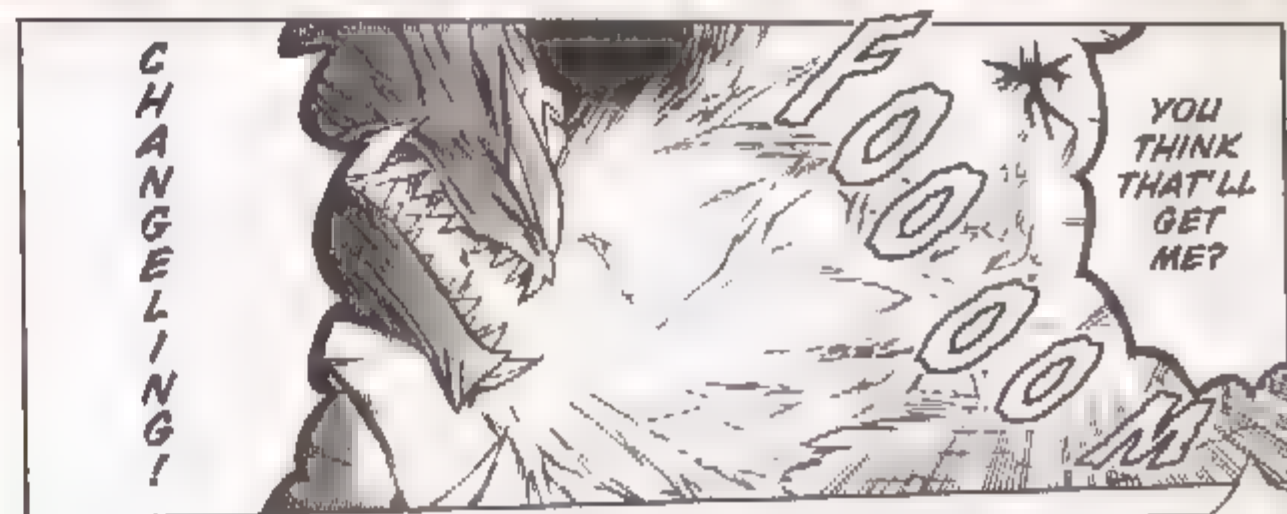
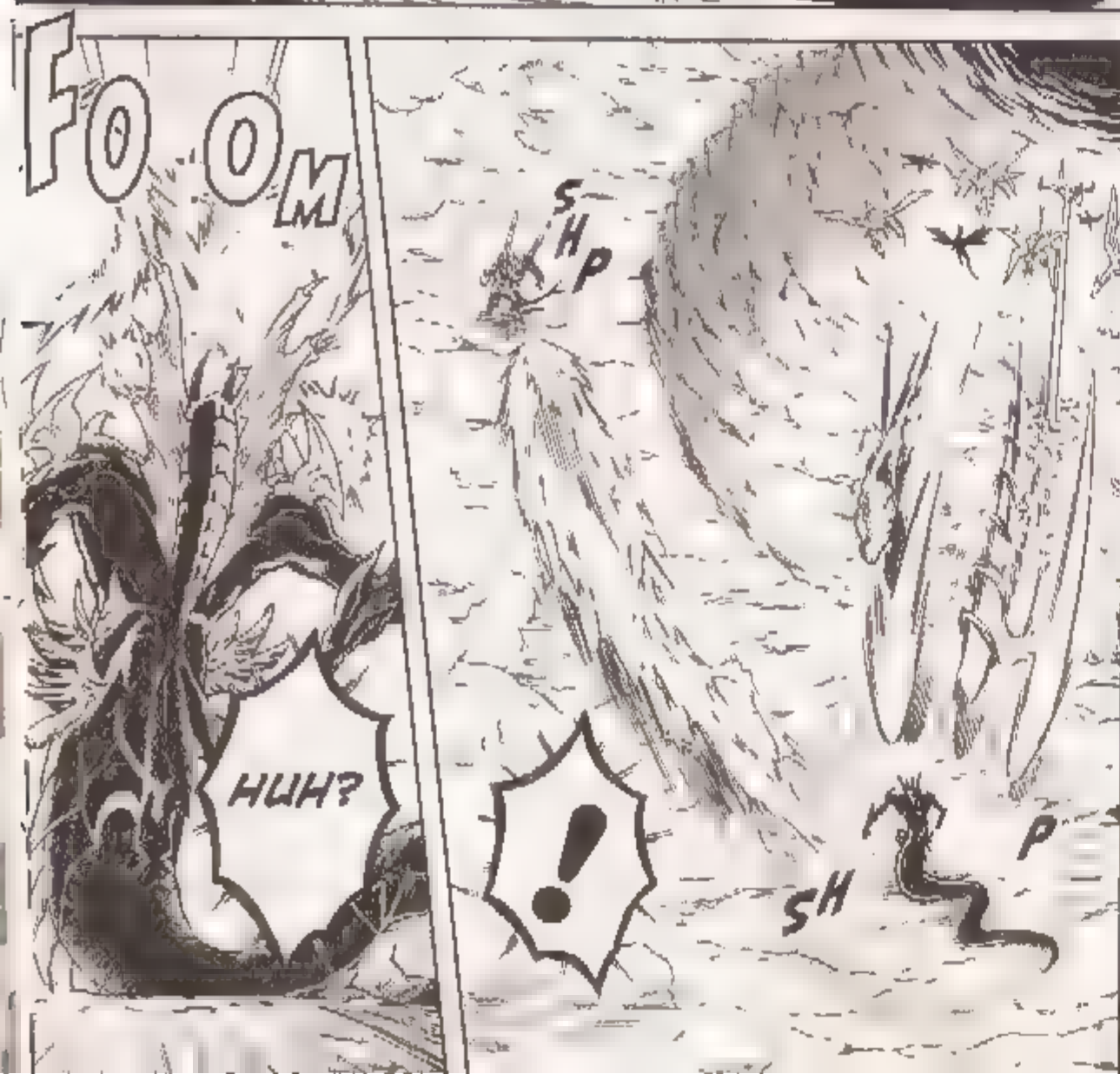
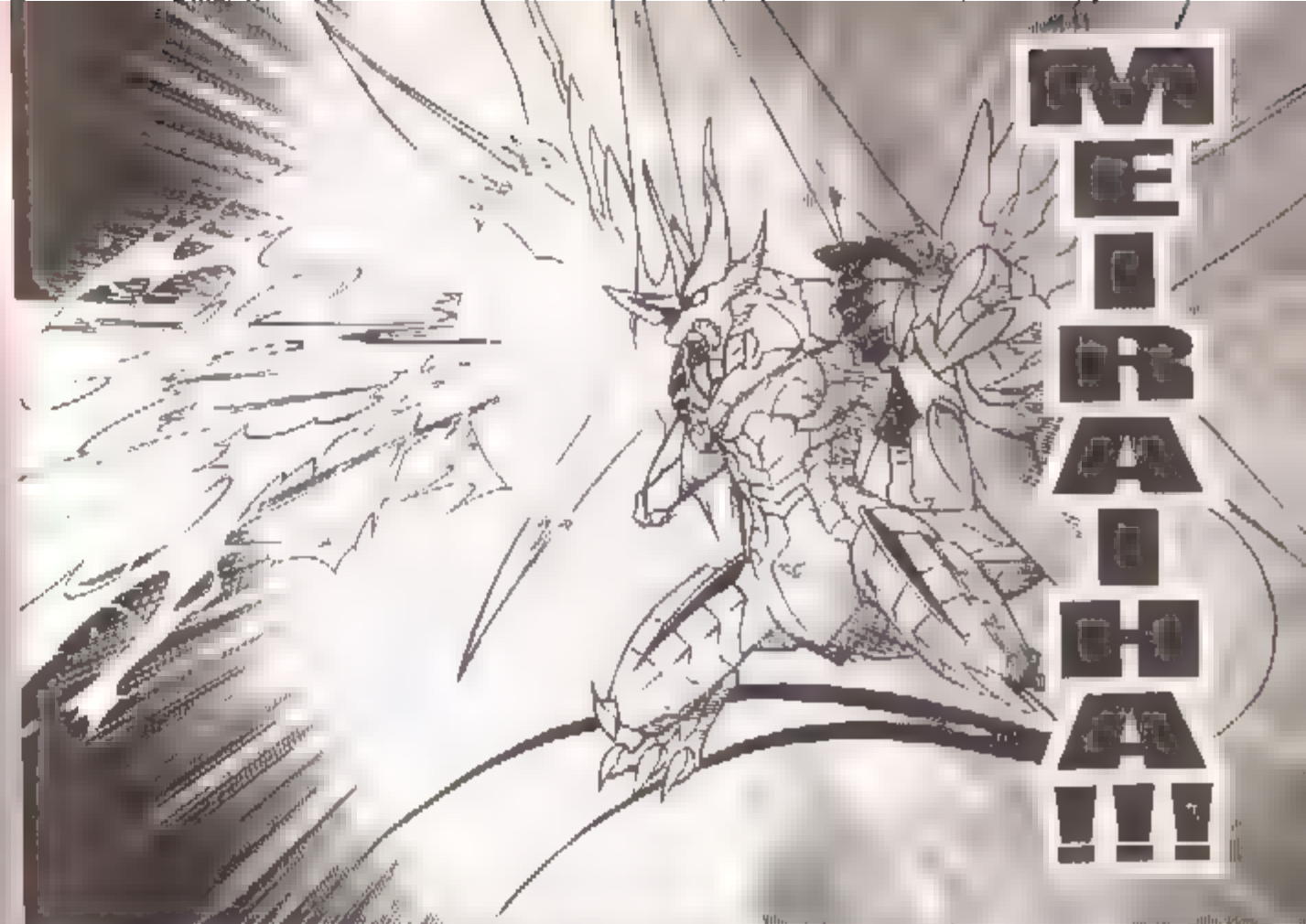
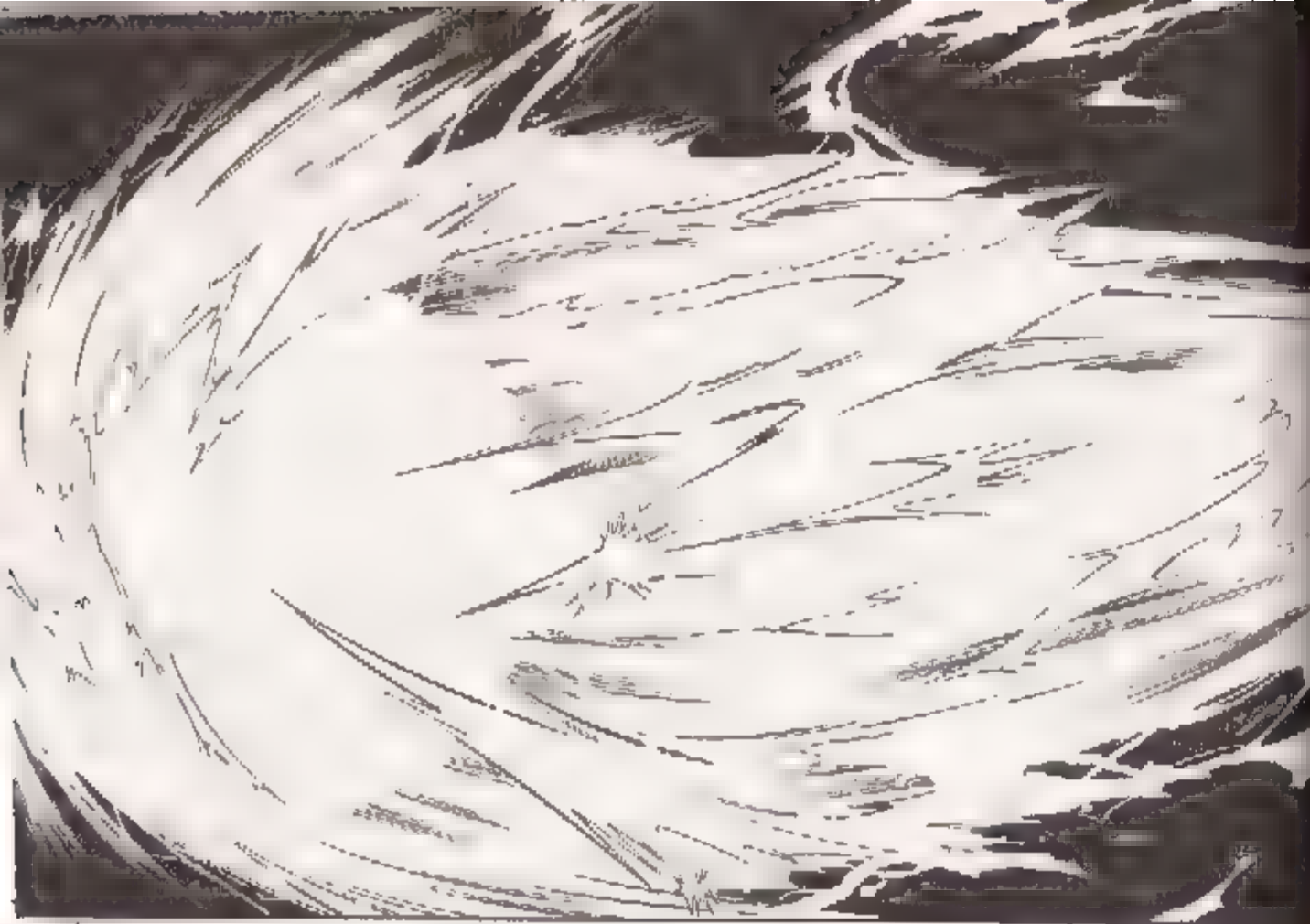
OOPS.

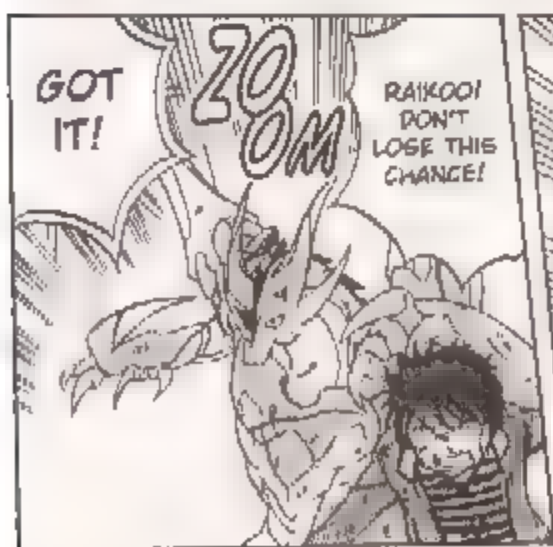
BLAM
BLAM
BLAM

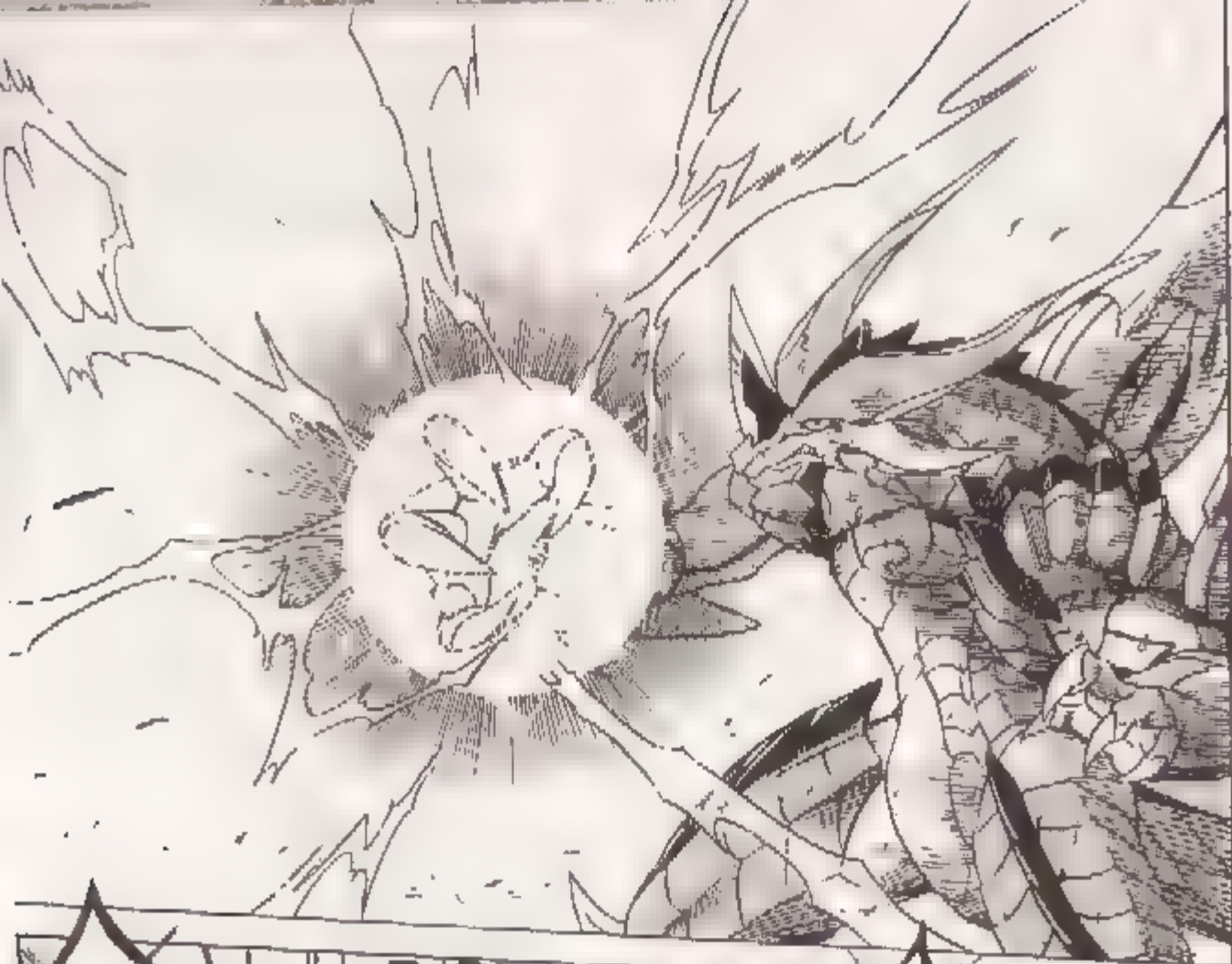
MEI-
RAI-
HA!

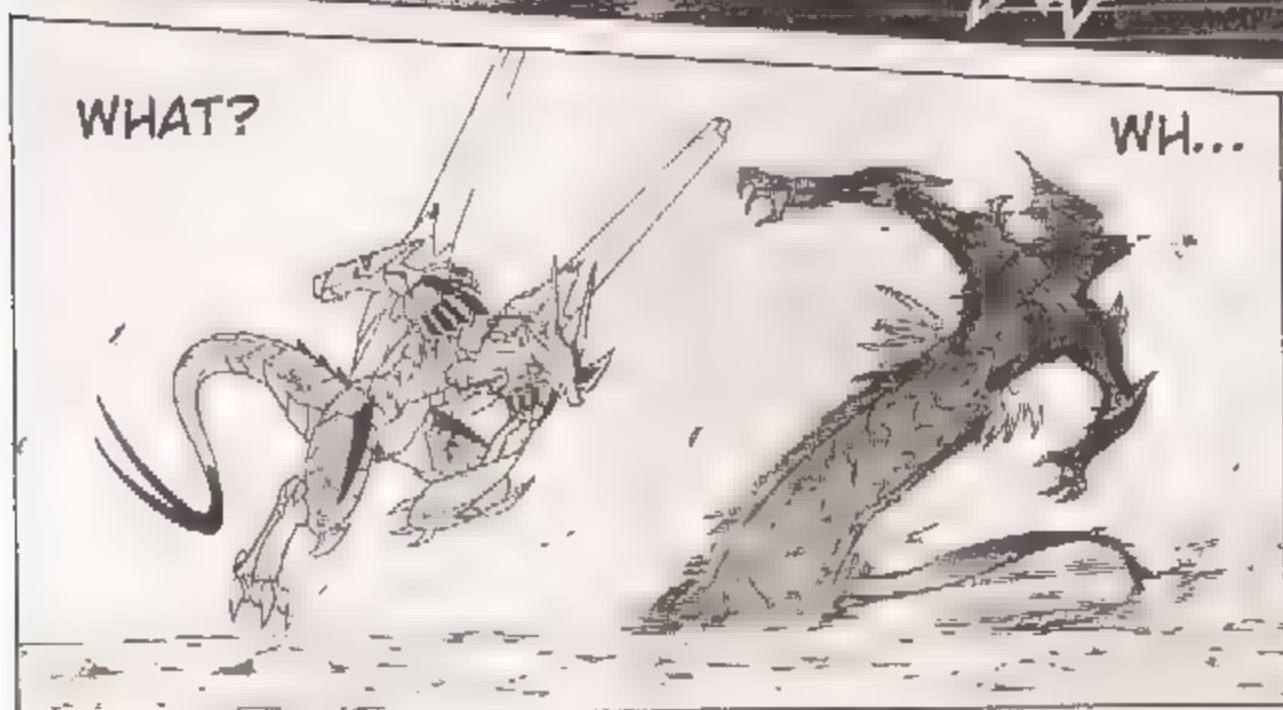
RAIKOO!
NOW!

CR RAA CK









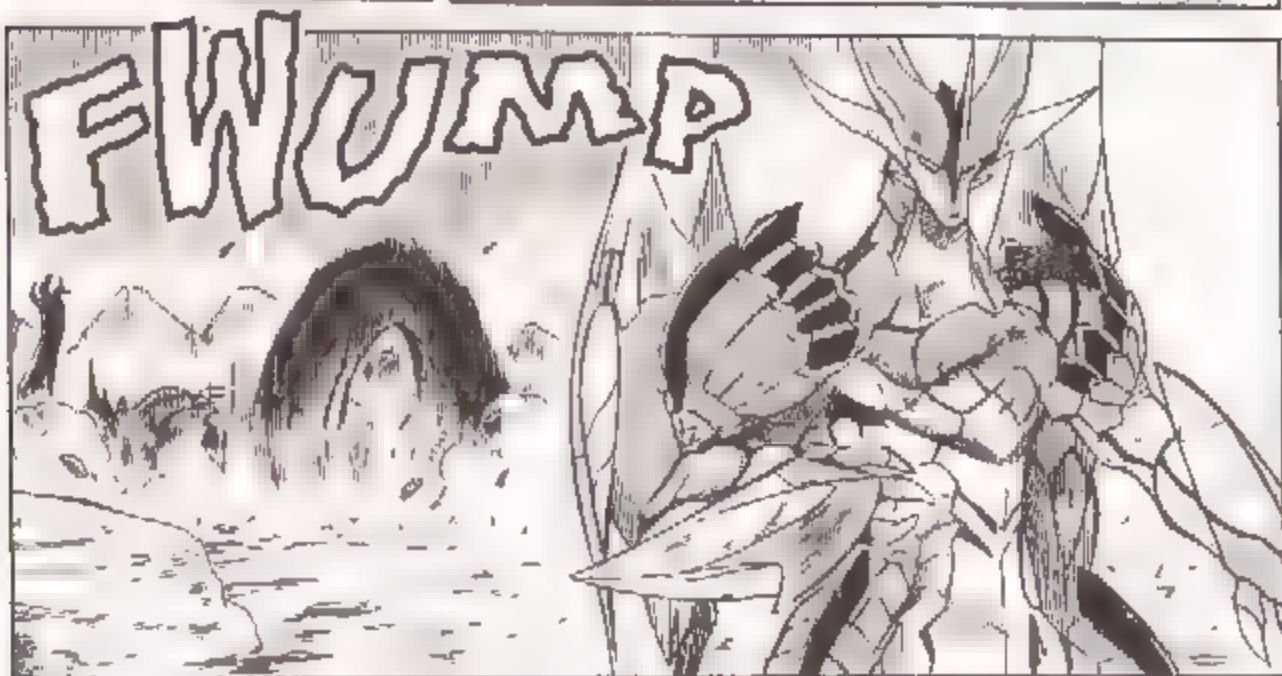
OH...

OH YEAH...



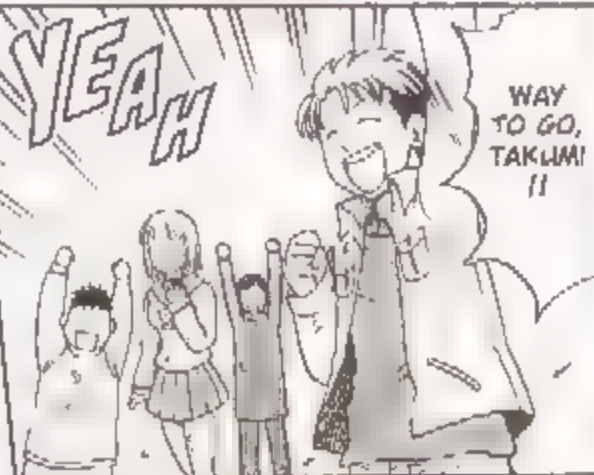
THERE'S NO
POINT IN
CHANGING
POSITIONS WHEN
YOU'RE THAT
CLOSE!

YOU'RE
TOTALLY
DUMB,
AREN'T
YOU?

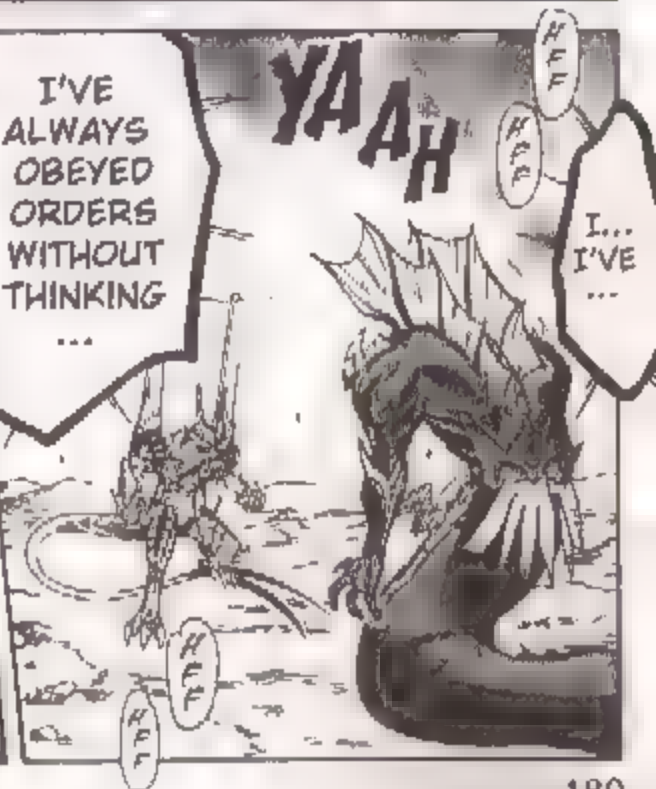
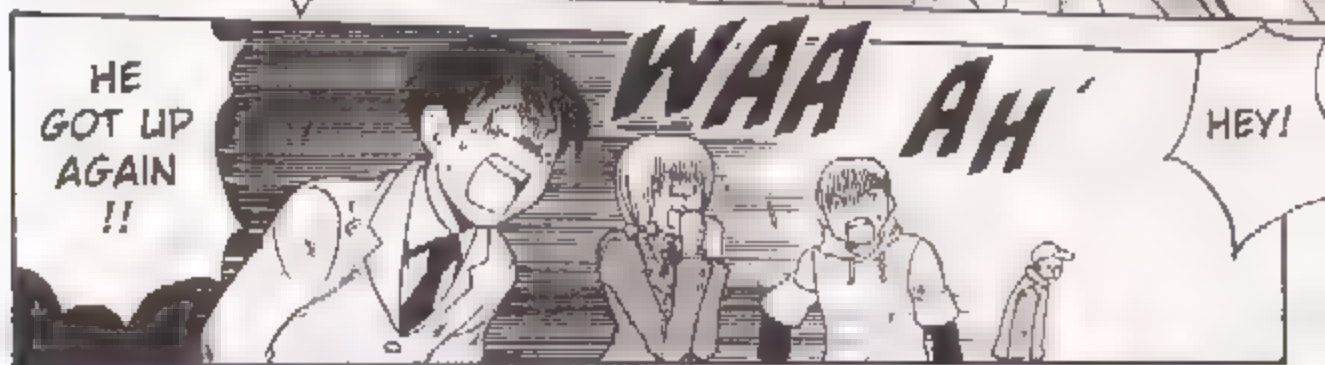
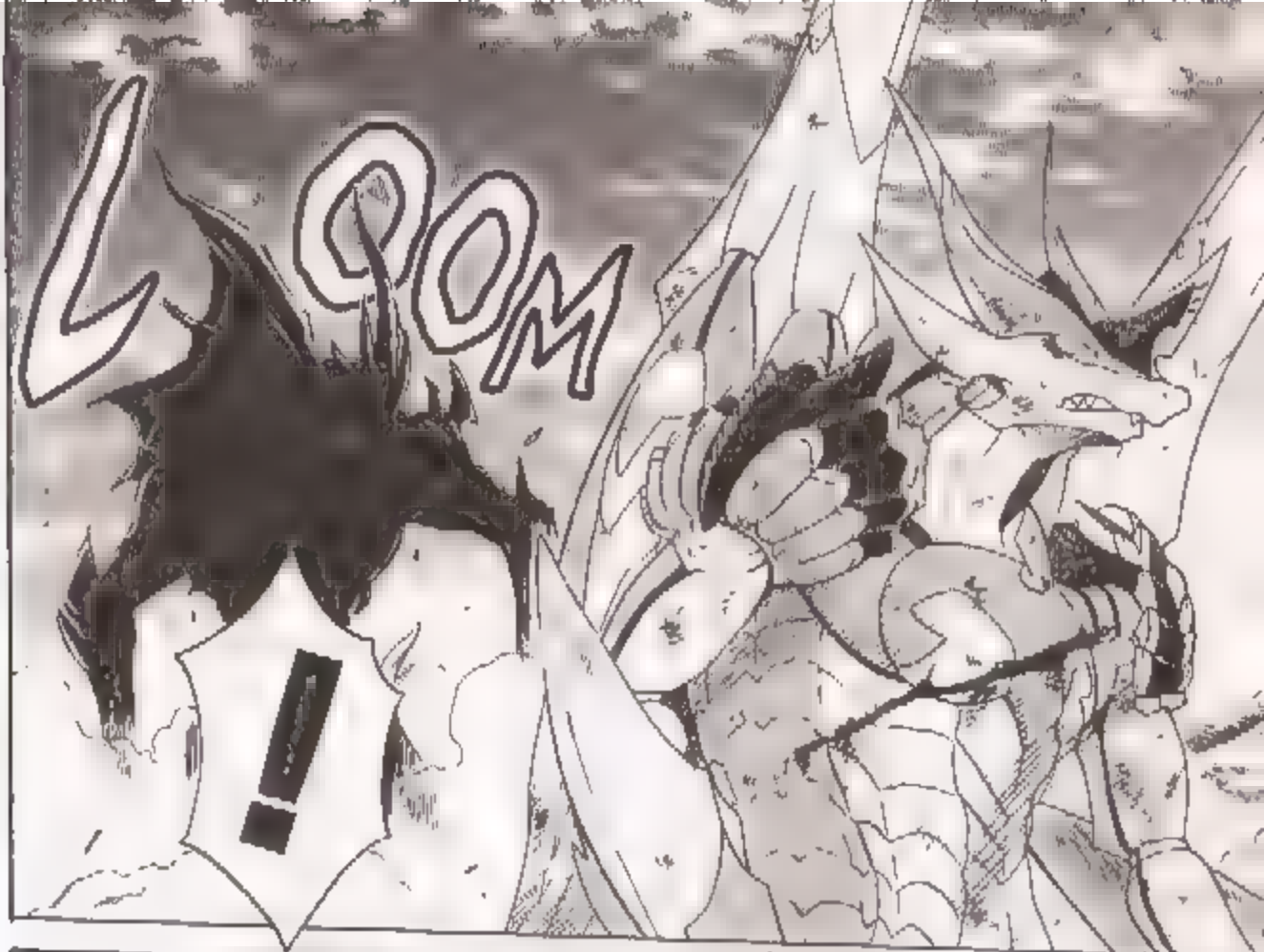


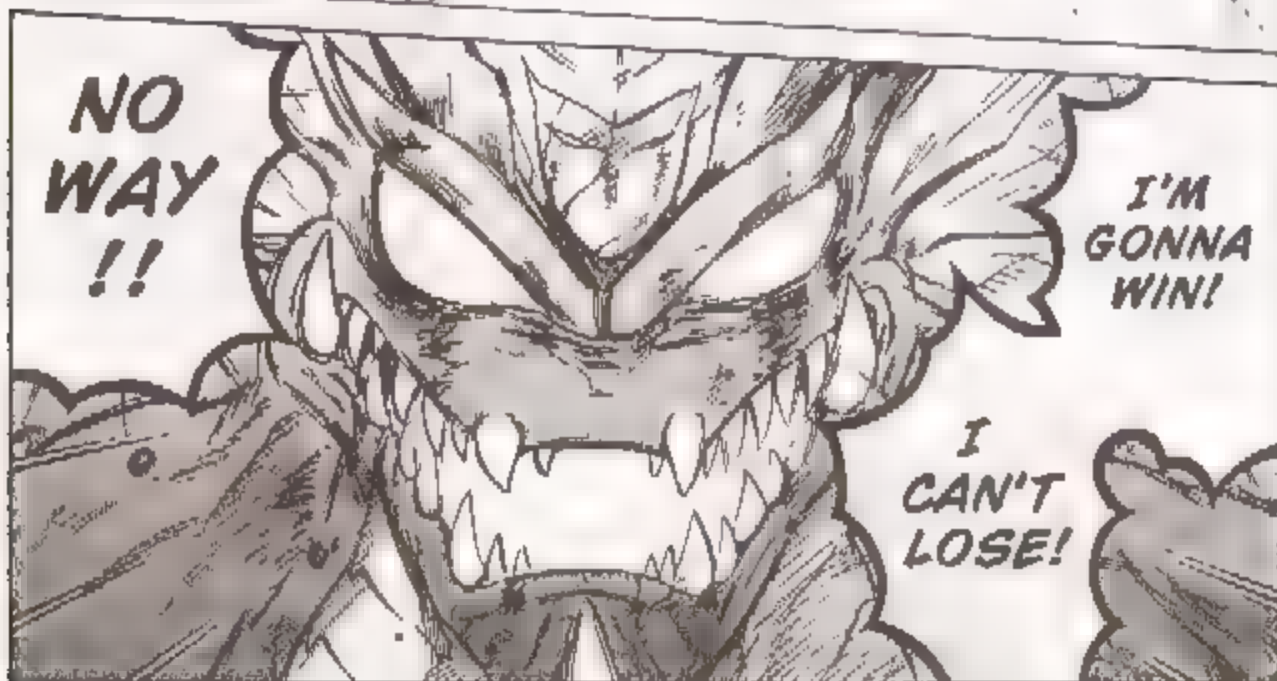
...WE
CAN
FINALLY
GET
THROUGH
THAT
GATE!

NOW
...



WAY
TO GO,
TAKUMI!
!!

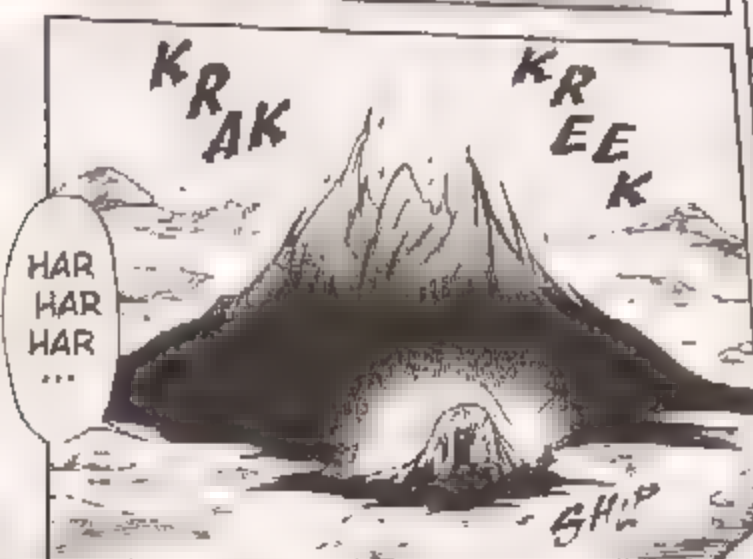








HE'S
BEING
SWALLOWED
BY THE
SHADOWS!

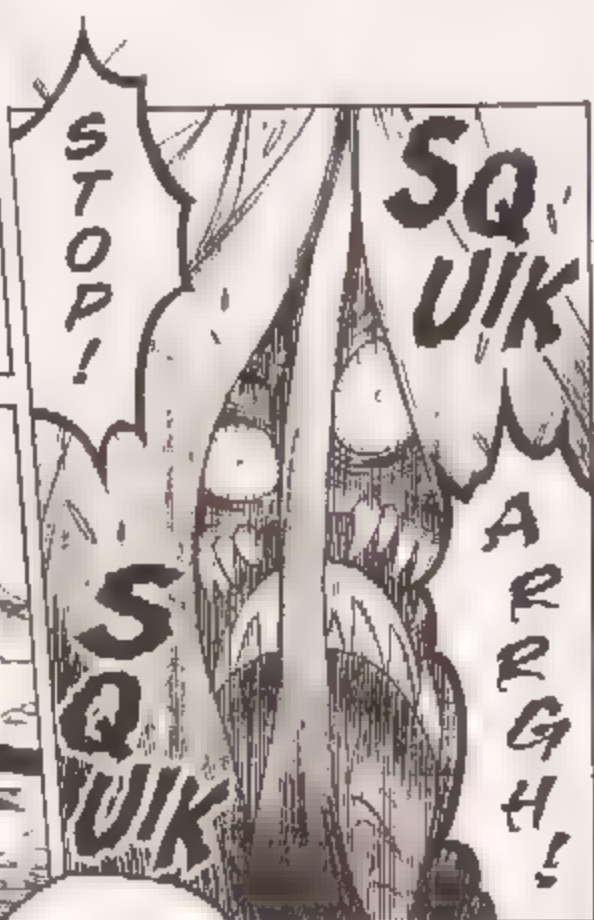


KR
AK

KR
EE
K

HAR
HAR
HAR
...

SHIP



STOP!

SQ
UIK

SQ
UIK

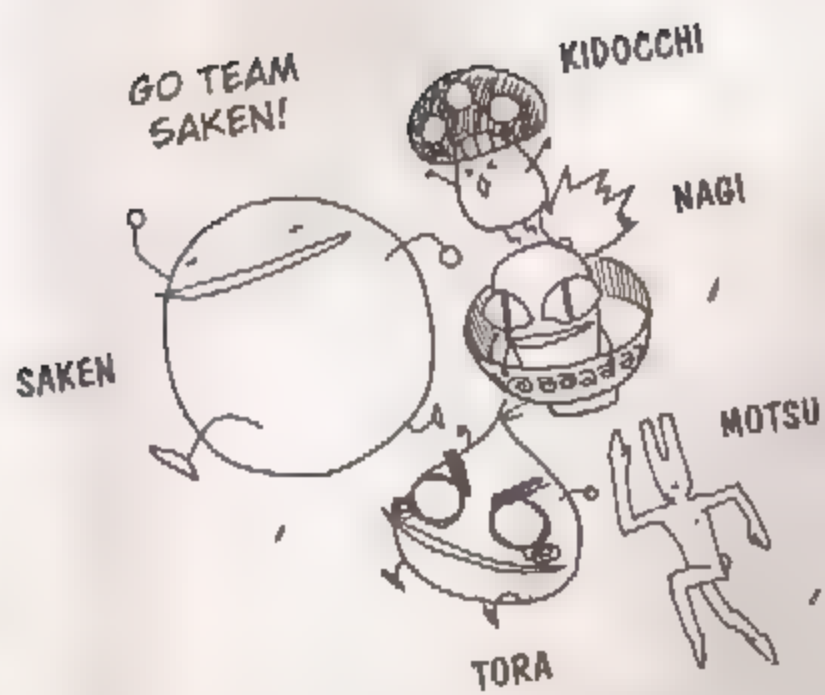
ARR
GH!



NO
GOOD
EVEN
AS A
WARM-
UP...

HE
ALWAYS
WAS
A FLAWED
CREATION.





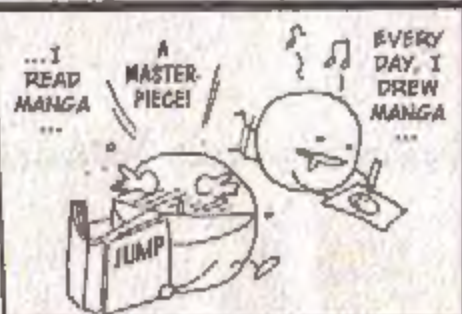
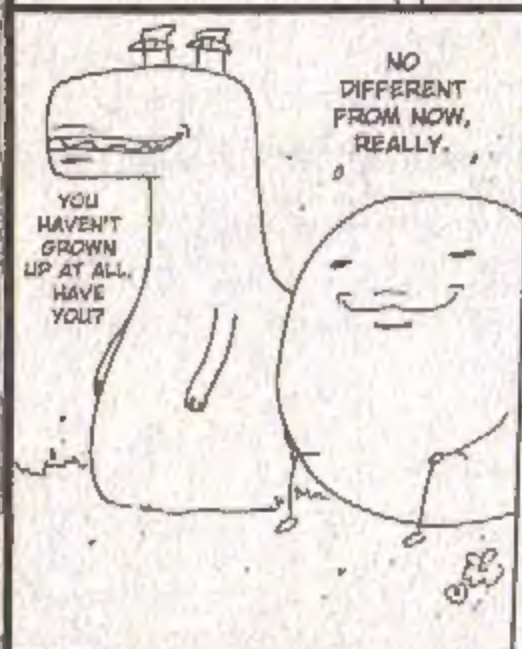
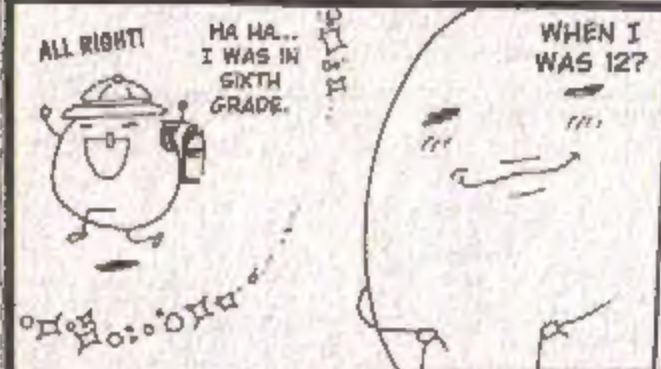


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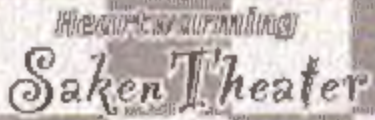
QUIET! IT'S
THE HERO!

Heartwarming Saken Theater

BY
KEN-ICHI
SAKURA







COMING NEXT VOLUME...



While the world's Raikoo masters escape to Rikyu, Takumi decides to stay behind and fight. Together, he and Arisa discover the purpose of the bizarre experiments Ri-IN has been performing on humans and dragons...and the full extent of Ri-IN's plans. This is more than one dragon master can handle. It's time for Takumi to meet an old hand named Reiji Ozora!

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